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FEDERATION OF EUROPE.

Briand on Prevention of Wars.

BRITISH SUPPORT.

Rugby, Yesterday.

At the League Assembly at Geneva to-day M. Briand, addressing the gathering on his European Federation scheme, said that all countries who had replied to the questionnaire were favourable to the principle of a federated Europe.

It was logical, said M. Briand, that the countries which had suffered most from the recent war should work together to prevent future war. No conclusion had so far been reached, save that some sort of federation was necessary.

M. Briand said that there were many obstacles on the way to disarmament, but many had been surmounted already. As far as France was concerned it would have been impossible to reduce armaments in the way they had done if the League had not paved the way to security. He recalled the work of the London Conference, and said that as Foreign Minister he was in touch with a neighbour and friendly nation, and hoped that accord would be reached which would complete the London agreements.

Of Vital Importance.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. A. Henderson, in reference to M. Briand's speech said that the closest collaboration of the European Governments was vitally important to European peace. The British Government had stated its opinion in reply to the questionnaire, and had expressed its great sympathy with the proposal. Whatever developed from a discussion of the scheme the British Government hoped that it would be carried into effect in collaboration with the League and would be consistent with international obligations of League membership and would help forward the League's disarmament policy.

Mr. Henderson said that the British Government had supported the majority report of the Committee on the reorganisation of the League Secretariat and hoped that it would be unanimously adopted.

Optional Clause.

He also hoped that the optional clause would be universally adopted, because he regarded it as the first step toward a settlement of all questions by peaceful means. Mr. Henderson maintained that, of all security measures disarmament was the most important, and he trusted that further progress would be made this year. The authors of the covenant never believed that disarmament could be achieved if national armaments remained unrestricted.

Authority of League.

Geneva, Yesterday.

Mr. Henderson, in a speech in the Assembly, hoped that any decision to prepare a detailed scheme to carry out M. Briand's proposed European federation (in regard to which he quoted the British memorandum) would only be taken on the authority of the League of Nations.

Mr. Henderson dwelt on the need for ratification of the conventions and he concluded under the auspices of the League. He hoped that next year would see a practically universal acceptance of the optional clause in the statute of the World Court and that this year amendments to the covenant, in order to harmonise it with the peace pact, would be accepted. One of the chief tasks of the Imperial Conference would be to consider a further contribution by the British Commonwealth to the cause of disarmament.

Financial Assistance.

Mr. Henderson said that the British Government regarded the treaty for financial assistance as an important measure of prevention of the outbreak of war, and hoped that a definite convention would be drawn up, which the British Government would accept. It would be the amendments to the covenant on one condition, namely that a general treaty for the reduction and limitation of national armaments be carried through.

The peoples of the world were

SARDINES UNFIT FOR FOOD.

Heavy Penalty on a Dealer.

MARKET FOR SOLDER.

The series of summonses brought against Chinese shop dealers in Yaumati and Mongkok for the sale of bad Sea Brand sardines in tins, entered its third and concluding hearing before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith this morning.

Mr. L. R. Andrewes, assistant Crown Solicitor, was for the prosecution, while Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the defence of Ho Sit and Ho Leung in respect of 1,180 tins and 12 tins of sardines, respectively.

Mr. Lo said that he understood that the case for the prosecution had closed at the last hearing. Although his clients bought the sardines they had no intention of selling them, and no intention of having them as food for man. Ho Sit bought the consignment of sardines very cheaply at an auction, and he did not know that they were bad. He had to hire vacant premises to store them. They were very difficult to sell, and he could not sell any. Ho Sit had been telling a coolie to take the bad tins to dump, and, in fact, the dust boat coolies had refused certain lots. At the time 12 tins were sorted out as good and the rest were ordered to be dumped. Ho Leung was Ho Sit's assistant, and as the latter took all responsibility he would ask for Ho Leung's discharge.

Mr. Lo then called Ho Sit to give evidence from the witness box, as also did Lam Cheuk, a street coolie, who was employed to carry baskets full of bad tins to the dust boat.

A Tel. Tale Label.

Senior Sanitary Inspector A. K. Taylor was recalled and in reply to the Magistrate said that if it was not for a label which protruded from under the counter of Ho Sit's shop at 32, Shantung Street, he would not have found the 12 tins, which formed the subject of the summons brought against Ho Leung, who, during Ho Sit's absence, was in charge of the grocery store. There was a market always for the solder of old tins, and where big dumps were made it was usual for the dust boat coolies to ask for compensation from the firm.

His Worship, summing up, said that with regard to the twelve tins found in the grocery store, he held that it had not been really proved that they were intended for sale. The position of the 12 tins made it much stronger for the defence than the 1,180 tins. Had the twelve tins been with the other stock in the godown at 985, Canton Road he would not have had any hesitation in convicting. They could not assume that the 12 tins in the grocery store were intended for sale, although that may have been Inspector Taylor's idea. With regard to the 12 tins the summons failed and Ho Leung was acquitted.

Inconceivable.

Continuing his Worship said that with regard to the 1,180 tins he could not believe that they were not intended for sale. It was inconceivable that they were being kept in the godown just for the purpose of being dumped. He thought that the unsuccessful efforts of dumping the bad tins could have been made right if they had got in touch with the Sanitary Department who would have made arrangements for their removal.

growing impatient and doubting the good faith of their Government. Definite progress had been made—for example the London Naval Treaty—but that was only the first step, and the British Government was ready to go further.

Unless naval disarmament could be made general and applied to a reduction and limitation of land and air forces the peace of Europe and the world would not be safe. They hoped that the preparatory commission in November would complete its task so that the Council would be able to summon a world conference on disarmament next year.

MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

CHINESE YOUTH KNOCKED DOWN.

FOX TERRIER KILLED.

No fewer than three motor accidents occurred in the City yesterday.

In a report made to the Police traffic department, Yu Siu (26), living at 56, Caine Road, stated that whilst driving his car in Caine Road at about 8.30 a.m., he accidentally ran over and killed a white fox terrier dog belonging to Mr. K. Chan of 39, Conduit Road. The carcass of the animal was removed to Kennedy Town.

Mr. D. A. Rushton, of the Government Audit Office, was involved in an accident at 2 p.m. He was driving his motor car along Chater Road when a Chinese, aged about 17 years, suddenly appeared in front of the car from behind another vehicle. Mr. Rushton was unable to pull up in time and the youth was knocked down. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital where, on arrival, he was found to be suffering from slight abrasions and was permitted to go home after his injuries had been dressed.

The third accident occurred at about 10.30 p.m. In this instance Chan Tim was driving his car from Arbuthnot Road into Caine Road when he came into collision with a private car. Damage was done to the right front mudguard of Chan's car. No one was injured.

TRESPASSERS.

NUISANCE IN YAUMATI SLIPWAY.

PETTY THEFTS NUMEROUS.

"I went there to find a fok" was the plea entered by Chau Fuk, a seaman on a Yaumati ferry launch when charged to-day before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith with having trespassed in the Yaumati Government slipway—land under the control of the Harbour Master.

Inspector R. H. E. Marks informed the Magistrate that the Police had received many complaints from all departments as to the loss of small articles. The Police had been specially instructed to bring these people up to Court. It was very difficult for the Police as there were so many ways into the slipway along the water-front. The Harbour Master had asked the Police to take all necessary precautions, and to try to keep these people away. There was a notice in English and Chinese, which stated "No Admittance, except on Business." They did not suggest that defendant went there to steal, but, all the same, he had no right to be in the slipway.

His Worship: He has had a night in the cells, so I'll caution him.

Inspector Marks asked for a small penalty, because the Police wanted it to be known.

A fine of \$1 or three days' jail was imposed.

SIAMESE PRINCE.

ELECTED TO COMMITTEES OF LEAGUE.

Geneva, Yesterday.

Prince Varnvaldy, head of the Siamese delegation to the League Assembly, has been elected Chairman of the Agenda Committee and a member of the General Committee of the Assembly.

their removal without Ho Sit getting into trouble. He came to the conclusion that the tins were being kept there for sale.

He pointed out that in this case there were some features which made it assume little less serious aspects than in the last case. In the last case, there was equipment ready for resoldering the blown tins, but in this case the defendant had not gone so far.

There was evidently not so much fraud in this case, and he would take that into consideration, also the fact that the number of tins here was about half the amount in the last case. He would fine Ho Sit \$250 and acquit Ho Leung.

NEED FOR GREATER ECONOMY.

Expenditure Too High in Britain.

TAXATION PARALYSING.

London, Yesterday.

The Association of British Chambers of Commerce, after submitting a questionnaire to Chambers of Commerce throughout the country have reached the conclusion that there is an urgent need for a complete overhaul of national and local taxation.

Local Chambers of Commerce are unanimously of the opinion that the country's expenditure is excessive and that the cumulative effect of taxation is especially serious in a time of industrial depression, accompanied by a fall of price levels.

The Chambers suggested that economies should be effected, inter alia, in the expenditure on Labour Exchanges, social services, rates of interest on conversion of loans, education, police pay and pensions, and unemployment insurance, also in the general cost of administration.

The Chambers are of opinion that the present rate of expenditure has a most serious effect on the export trade.

SOME MAIN.

The Royal Observatory weather report to-day states: The Chinese anti-cyclone is now, central to the N.E. of Peking.

A trough of relatively low pressure extends from Indo-China to Guam.

Forecast: — N.E. winds, fresh; generally; overcast; some rain.

Rainfall.

Rainfall to 10 a.m. to-day 1.59 inch. Rainfall since January 1, 68.88 inches against an average of 69.92 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

	Temperature.
Hong Kong	79
Macao	76
Pratas Island	83
Manila	76
Foochow	77
Amoy	80
Swatow	76
Chefoo	62
Shanghai	67

REDS' AGENTS.

IMPORTANT ARRESTS IN CAIRO.

ANTI-BRITISH PAPERS.

Cairo, Yesterday.

Importance is attached to the arrest of two men and two women Communists, who are alleged to be agents of the Soviet International. They are Paul Dietrichs, a German, just arrived from Berlin, and Wolfblau, a Russian Jew and a member of the Palestinian Communists. The women Ehrlich and Nomburg, are Russian Jewesses and are Secretaries to Dietrichs, who was found in possession of violently anti-British documents.

STROMBOLI ERUPTS.

LAVA CAUSES FIRES IN HAMLETS.

ONE DEATH REPORTED.

Rome, Yesterday.

With a thunderous explosion Stromboli suddenly erupted, the whole cone of the volcano shooting up in the air. The lava caused a number of fires in the surrounding hamlets. Apart, the island of Stromboli, which was simultaneously rocked by an earthquake.

Stromboli is now surrounded by a dense haze of smoke. One death is reported.

BRITISH COAL.

EXTENDING OUR FOREIGN MARKETS.

IMPORTANT DEPUTATION.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Mines Department, Mr. E. Shinwell, and a delegation representative of the British coal industry generally, leave London this week-end on a fortnight's tour in Sweden, Norway, and Denmark. They will reach Stockholm on Monday and will also visit Oslo, Bergen, Gothenburg, and Copenhagen in turn.

All exporting coal fields, as well as coal exporters, will be represented in the delegation, whose purpose will be to study the Scandinavian market with a view to improving the demand for British coal.

This will be the first occasion on which a delegation of inquiry has been fully representative of all the interests involved.

The new Coal Mines Act, by providing for the organisation of the mining industry, both nationally and by districts, has made it possible for the industry to develop a national policy in regard to foreign markets.

SALT INDUSTRY.

WHAT THE TARIFF BOARD SUGGESTS.

STABILITY OF PRICES.

Simla, Yesterday.

The report of the Tariff Board on the salt industry in India recommends that the Government should develop the sources of supply and introduce stability of prices by assuming control of the import of salt to Bengal which is now in private hands.

The report suggests the establishment of a public utility company, with a limited rate of profits, which would be constituted as a Marketing Board and have charge of the import and sale of salt on the Calcutta market and the sale in North India.

There should be permanent Government representation on the Board as a safeguard against the Board's profiteering or inefficiency.

PITCHED BATTLE.

KURDS STORM GOVERNMENT OFFICES.

OPPOSED TO TREATY.

Bagdad, Yesterday.

Kurdish dissatisfaction with the new Treaty between Great Britain and Iraq which violently opposed by Kurds who refused to vote at the General Election last month, culminated in a pitched battle in which armed Kurds blockaded the Government offices.

Extra Police and troops were called in.

Thirteen persons were killed in the ensuing fight including one Iraqi soldier; whilst 35 were wounded, of whom four are soldiers and nine are Police.

AID FOR ARGENTINE.

BRITISH AND AMERICAN BANKS OFFER LOAN.

EX-PRESIDENT LEAVES.

New York, Yesterday.

A report from Buenos Aires says that three British and two American Banks combined are offering the new Argentine Government a short term loan, totalling thirteen million pesos, to tide over the present crisis. The question of security has been waived.

Forewell.

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.

Ex-President Frigoyen, looking worn, crushed, and ill, and escorted by secret Police, embarked on the Argentine cruiser Belgrano for Monte Video, accompanied by his daughter and also a doctor.

CALCUTTA BOMB OUTRAGE.

Sequel to Attack on Police Chief.

TRIAL OPENED.

Calcutta, Yesterday.

The Court Room was strongly guarded by armed Police at a special tribunal at Alipore on the occasion of the opening of the trial of Majumdar aged 28 who is charged with conspiring with Manuja Sengupta (deceased) to kill Sir Charles Tegart, Police Commissioner. He was also charged under the Explosives Act and the Arms Act.

The Public Prosecutor describing the outrage said that Sengupta was carrying two live bombs and a six-chambered revolver. He staggered and fell while running away and died immediately. Afterward Majumdar kept his pursuers at bay with a revolver until he was secured by a traffic constable. He was found in possession of one live bomb and a loaded revolver. He was injured probably by bomb splinters. Both accused were in possession of cigars.

The Public Prosecutor was of opinion that bombs might have been lighted by a burning cigar. He added that Majumdar was further charged with murdering Sengupta.

Sir Charles Tegart gave evidence describing the outrage.

Notes on Personnel.

London, Yesterday.

A scrutiny of the names of the delegates from British India to the momentous Round Table Conference on India's future constitution, reveals some interesting personalities among the diversity of sections represented, including every interest and party except the extreme Nationalists.

There are a score of Hindus, including two representatives of the "depressed classes," a dozen Moslems, three Burmans, two Sikhs, a single Labour representative (namely Diwan Chaman Lal, founder of the Indian Trade Union Congress), and five representatives of the big landowners.

Among the Indian States representatives, the Maharajah of Nawanagar is well-known in England as the cricketer "Ranji."

It is generally estimated that the conference will last from three to four months.

The British delegates are likely to be few in comparison with the foregoing.

Story of Outrage.

On August 25 another attempt on the life of Sir Charles Tegart, Police Commissioner, was made when two bombs exploded on either side of his car near the northeast corner of the Dalhousie Square. Sir Charles was proceeding to Lall Bazar headquarters. His car was damaged and the driver received injuries. Two other cars were also damaged.

Following the explosion one man was found lying on the footpath bleeding profusely. He died on the spot. He had two bombs and a loaded revolver with him and is believed to be one of the assassins.

Another man who was also bleeding and had a bomb and revolver with him was arrested. He has given a name to the police and is a law student. One coolie who was also hit has since died.

Sir C. Tegart's Story.

Interviewed by the Associated Press immediately after the incident, at his office, Sir Charles Tegart, who was again completely undaunted, said, "I was coming to office just at eleven and when my car was in front of Harold's shop and about five yards off the train lines, bombs were thrown. I am not quite certain from where the bombs came. One landed on the left and another on the right side of my car. I took my revolver from the cupboard and asked the driver to pull round and when the car turned back ten to fifteen yards I saw a fellow in the corner of Dalhousie Square, near the Central Telegraph Office, and ran in his direction. I saw the spot where the man fell, obviously badly hit. He possessed two bombs and a loaded .450 revolver.

Two constables, one of whom was a traffic constable, arrested another man. He was bleeding and had a bomb and revolver with him. He

ALL QUIET ON TSAN WAN FRONT.

A Cursory Official Report.

"MUCH ADO ABOUT . . ."

The only Police information available to-day with regard to the Tsan Wan affair, was the following issued by the Taimshatsui Police Station:—

"Alarm received at 11.45 a.m. (yesterday) and the E. U. (Emergency Unit) was turned out to a disturbance at Tsan Wan."

It appeared that the alarm was sent to Taimshatsui by the Officer-in-Charge at Tsan Wan Police Station at 11.30 following a report made by villagers at the station there that a body of about 100 coolies armed with poles were advancing on the village.

These coolies are employed on work on the Texaco reclamation, about a mile from Tsan Wan village, and as on the previous day the Tsan Wan Police had arrested five of their foks in a gambling raid, it was feared that the coolies intended attacking the station to release their companions, and consequently the alarm was sent and assistance asked for to defend the station.

Mr. D. Burlingham, D.S.P., Kowloon, and the Emergency Unit promptly left for Tsan Wan in a fleet of motor vehicles and arrived at the supposed besieged station within 20 minutes. When the Taimshatsui Police contingent reached the Tsan Wan Station the coolies, who made slow progress over the hill, had not yet arrived.

Consequently the Police quickly threw a cordon of men armed with rifles across the Main Road and waited for the arrival of the invaders. When the coolies arrived and saw the formidable guard waiting for them they downed their poles and took flight back to the reclamation. The Police followed and captured a few of the men for interrogation, the result of which has not yet been reported to Headquarters.

It is believed, however, that the coolies did not have designs on the Tsan Wan Police Station, but were probably intent on giving battle to the villages, one of whom was alleged to have been the informer which led to the Police undertaking the gambling raid.

Some members of the Emergency Unit from Taimshatsui were left behind at Tsan Wan by Mr. Burlingham as reinforcement to the station's force, to guard against any possible further trouble.

All is now reported to be quiet on the Tsan Wan front.

A KOWLOON BLAZE.

A lighted cigarette end is stated to have been the cause of a rather serious fire which broke out at a Chinese medicine shop, at 460 Shanghai Street at half past three o'clock this morning. The ground floor was completely gutted, and it is estimated that \$200 damage was sustained.

About 500 heaps of medicinal herbs were completely destroyed, but, luckily, all the occupants managed to get away in time, and no one was hurt.

Two fire-appliances, under Mr. G. C. Moss and Asst. Station Officer Woolford, worked well to subdue the flames, which at one time assumed rather serious proportions.

has given his name and is a law student. One bomb hit a coolie and two cars lying in front of Harold's. Pieces of the two bombs went through the door of my car; one became embedded in a tyre, another cut the coat, puggree and arm of my driver. We have known for some time past that a recrudescence of terrorist activity was to be expected. I usually keep watch along my route but to-day I was thinking of other things."

Sir Charles himself collected parts of the bomb which were of the Mills type and composed of aluminium alloy.

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SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Ports.	
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NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	
TAKETOYO MARU	Sunday, 21st September.
TOBA MARU	Monday, 6th October.
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BUENOS AIRES MARU	Friday, 3rd October.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
HAMBURG MARU	Friday, 19th September.
HAYRE MARU	Saturday, 4th October.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, DEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR & MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.	
CHICAGO MARU	Sunday, 28th September.
CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
MADRAS MARU	Thursday, 18th September.
BURMA MARU	Thursday, 2nd October.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER.	
MELBOURNE—Via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	
BRISBANE MARU	Monday, 6th October.
HAIKONG—Via Hoihow & Pakhoi.	
NEW YORK—Via Japan ports & Panama.	
SANYO MARU	Saturday, 25th October.
JAPAN PORTS.	
AMUR MARU	Saturday, 13th September.
SHUNGO MARU	Sunday, 21st September.
KEELUNG—Via Swatow & Amoy.	
TAKAO—Via Swatow & Amoy.	
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CABLE-SHIP AMBER. FAMOUS OLD VESSEL TO BE SCRAPPED.

Of the big fleet of cable ships which the Eastern Telegraph Company and its associated concerns owned when the merger rendered them surplus to requirements, there was none more interesting than the veteran Amber, which has now arrived at Mahon to be scrapped, after being sold as she lay at Gibraltar.

She was built by Napier, of Glasgow, in 1888, the fifth cable ship that the same yard had built for the Eastern Telegraph Com-

pany, and although her gross tonnage was only 1,037, she was an improved edition of the well-known Electra.

Like most of the Eastern Company's cable steamers, she had a very graceful appearance, in spite of the excrescences necessary to her work. On her trials she averaged well over 13 knots. Ever since she was a new ship she has been engaged on cable maintenance and repair work, and has done it well.

Rebuilt in 1895 and again in 1927, she has been kept up to date and in good condition, and, in spite of her age, it seems a pity that there was no market for her other than the scrappers.

LOSS OF LIFE ON THE SEAS.

Penal Cognisance of Maritime Mishaps.

"The Southampton Master Mariners' Club, representing between 400 and 500 foreign-going masters, having discussed at length the question of concurrent jurisdiction in international law so far as it concerns merchant shipping, considers that penal cognisance of maritime mishaps involving loss of life should belong solely to the country whose flag is flown in the ship by which the wrong is done." This interesting, and important resolution was unanimously passed by the members of the club at their weekly luncheon meeting, when Captain J. C. Saunders, R.D., R.N.R., occupied the chair.

Captain W. V. J. Clarke, D.S.C., who opened the discussion, mentioned a number of cases in which injustice had been meted out to British mariners, and said that there was a definite risk and danger that the masters or officers of British ships might be arrested in foreign countries for offences over which they had no control, for an offence which they had no intention of committing, or for an error of judgment which might result in a collision or stranding. It was, indeed, possible that they might be imprisoned for a long term as the result of such an incident as he had mentioned, as well as being called upon to suffer a heavy monetary penalty.

Criminal Intent.

In his estimation that was entirely contrary to all principles of criminal law in England where the essence of crime was that there must be criminal intent. A crime could not be committed by accident; there must be intent, for a man in law was taken to intend the consequences of his act. The principle usually adopted was that if the state of mind—in other words, intent—was not present, then no crime had been committed.

In the case of collisions or strandings, the number brought about by criminal intent was infinitesimal, but in any case it was exceedingly difficult to state how they had been brought about. The standard of professional conduct the competency amongst British masters and officers was very high; and he had no hesitation in saying that it was unthinkable that any collision would be brought about by British ships with intent to kill people in another ship, except perhaps in time of war, such as the ramming of an enemy submarine. They could therefore, rule out that possibility altogether.

He thought it dangerous that any shipmaster of whatever nationality the ship might be should be in the position of finding himself faced with the injustice to which he had already referred, and he was glad to state that there was to sit in Antwerp in August a committee charged with investigating the entire question of concurrent jurisdiction in international law.

As far as disciplinary action against a British master or officer was concerned, their certificates were issued by the Board of Trade, who had the power to order and hold an inquiry in cases of accident, and who could, if the circumstances demanded, cancel or otherwise deal with the certificate.

WHARF MONOPOLY.

SHIPPING FIRMS KICK ON USE OF LEYTE DOCK.

Manila, Sept. 3.
Two local shipping firms yesterday filed with the insular collector of customs a complaint for alleged monopoly by one shipping company of the wharf at Tacloban, Leyte.

According to a complaint which was filed by the Compania General de Tabacos de Filipinas and Ty Samco Sobrino, the Compania Maritima has been granted by the Leyte provincial government preferential rights for docking facilities at the Tacloban wharf.

Although the privilege was granted the Compania Maritima by the provincial board of Leyte, the two local shipping firms protested against the action of the board on the ground that their rights and privileges for equal opportunity to use the Tacloban wharf, had been infringed.

The local concerns asked the intervention of the insular collector of customs so that all shipping companies operating vessels which call at the Leyte port may have equal rights to the use of wharf at that port.

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PASSENGER LISTS.

ARRIVALS.

Per P. & O. s.s. Mantua from China and Japan on Sept. 3:—
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Per s.s. President Jackson from U.S.A., Japan and China, on Sept. 12:—

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Brown, Mr. John Carr, Mr. Frank V. Chamberlin, Rev. and Mrs. Arthur E. French, Jr., Miss Katherine D. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. W. Keates and son, Mr. K. McMillan, Dr. Esther Morse, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Nelson and son, Miss P. J. M. Sandstrom, Miss Buelah Stich, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Thornton, Miss Grace Thornton, Mr. H. Vaterous, Mrs. E. O. Wilson, Mr. R. R. Womack.

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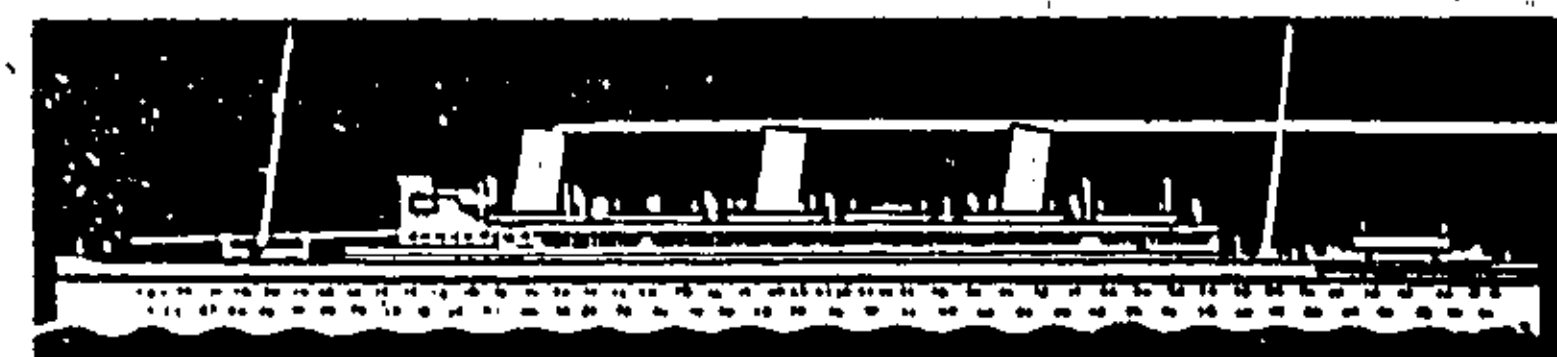
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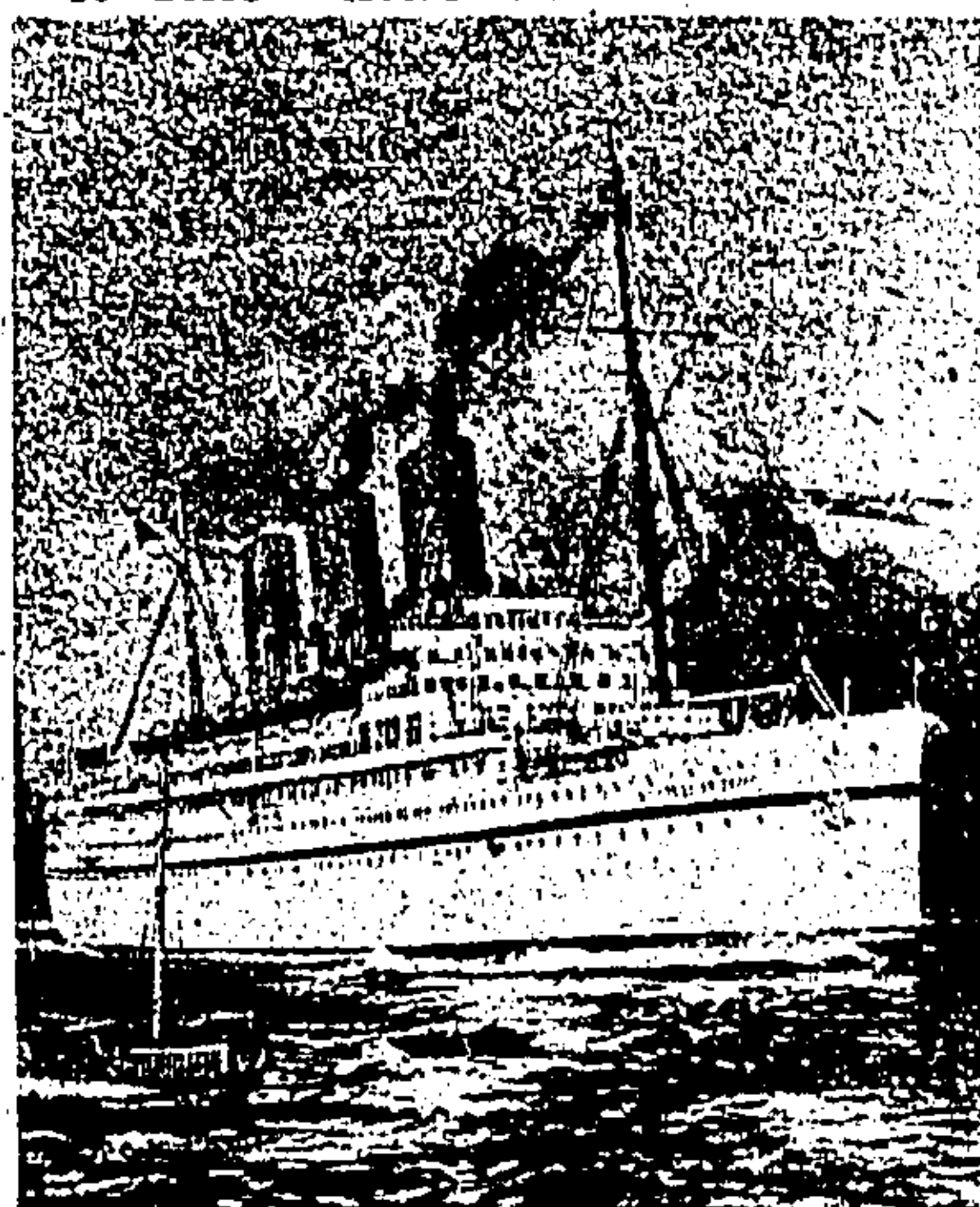
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Vice-Admiral Hugh J. Tweedie, C.B., to be Commander-in-Chief, Africa Station, in succession to Vice-Admiral Rudolf M. Burmester, C.B., C.M.G., to date January 9, 1931.

Rear-Admiral Barry E. Domville, C.B., C.M.G., to be Rear-Admiral Commanding Third-Cruiser Squadron, in succession to Rear-Admiral Arthur J. Davies, C.B., to date December 27.

Rear-Admiral Reginald A. R. Plunkett-Erle-Drax, C.B., D.S.O., to be Director of the Manning Department, in succession to Rear-Admiral Edward A. Astley-Rushton, C.B., C.M.G., to date December 18.

Vice-Admiral H. J. Tweedie, who is the son of General Michael Tweedie, R.A., was 53 in April, and last served as Senior Naval Officer in the Yangtze in 1927-29. As a Commander he was in Mexico with Admiral Craddock during the disturbances there just before the Great War, and was present at Tampico and Vera Cruz during the American landing. He was promoted Captain in 1914, and commanded successively the monitors Marshal Ney and Sir Thomas Picton in the Dover Patrol. He was then Senior Naval Officer on the Suez Canal for a time, and went to the Grand Fleet in November, 1917, as Commodore of the Destroyer Flotilla. He was Director of Training and Staff Duties, 1923-25, and was promoted to flag rank in 1926.

Rear-Admiral Harry Domville is the eldest son of the late Admiral Sir Compton Domville, who was Commander-in-Chief in the Mediterranean in 1902-5. Rear-Admiral Domville is 52, and joined the Navy in 1892. He won the Beaufort Testimonial, Ryder Prize, and Goodenough Medal in passing for Lieutenant, and in 1912-14, as Commander, he was Assistant Secretary of the Committee of Imperial Defence. On the outbreak of war he took command of the destroyer Miranda, in the Harwich Force, and was present in the action off the Dogger Bank. In May, 1915, he was appointed to command the flotilla leader Tipperary, and in June, 1916, was promoted Captain. He commanded the cruisers Centaur and Curacao, flagships of Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt in the Harwich Force during the latter part of the Great War, and was promoted to Rear-Admiral in July, 1927. He was Director of Naval Intelligence for three years up to August 15 last.

Rear-Admiral R. A. R. Plunkett-Erle-Drax was Flag Commander to Admiral Beatty on board the Lion at the three principal North Sea actions of the late war—Heligoland, the Dogger Bank, and Jutland. He was 50 on August 28, and entered the Navy in 1894. He was promoted to Captain in the first list after the Jutland battle, and commanded the light cruisers Blanche and Dublin for the rest of the war. In June, 1919, he became the first Director of the R.N. Staff College at Greenwich on its establishment there, which post he held for three years. In 1923-24 he was President of the Inter-Allied Naval Commission in Berlin, and in 1926-27 he commanded the battleship Marlborough. His promotion to flag rank was in January, 1928, and on April 11 last he concluded a year's service as Rear-Admiral in the First Battle Squadron, Mediterranean.

Bermuda Command Change.
On Monday, September 1, Captain H. B. Maltby was due to relinquish command of the First Minesweeping Flotilla, Portland, to Captain James Powell, D.S.O., who was promoted in the last New Year list. Captain Maltby is going out to Bermuda as Captain-in-Charge of the naval establishments there, to relieve Captain R. V. Holt, D.S.O., M.V.O., whose two years expire this month. Captain Maltby was first Lieutenant-Commander of the Royal yacht Victoria and Albert at the time of his promotion to Commander in 1920, and he afterwards was executive officer of the Curacao when flag.

Second parties from ships of the Atlantic Fleet proceeded on 18 days' leave at their home ports on August 14. During the leave period the principal ships are in hand for docking and repairs. The outline programme for the autumn cruise shows that Portsmouth and Devonport ships left on September 9, and Chatham ships on the 10th, the battleships and cruisers for Invergordon and the destroyers and submarines for Rosyth. The Adventure will carry out a mining programme, and the Courageous will remain at Portsmouth to carry out dock landing training, rejoining the Fleet on its completion, towards the end of September.

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S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	YU SANG	Sun., 28th Sept. at 3 p.m.
S'pore, Penang & Calcutta	KUMSANG	Tues., 7th Oct. at 3 p.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai & Kobe	SUISANG	Fri., 19th Sept. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	NAMSANG	Fri., 20th Sept. at 7 a.m.
Sandakan via S'ow & S'hai	MAUSANG	Mon., 23rd Sept. at Noon
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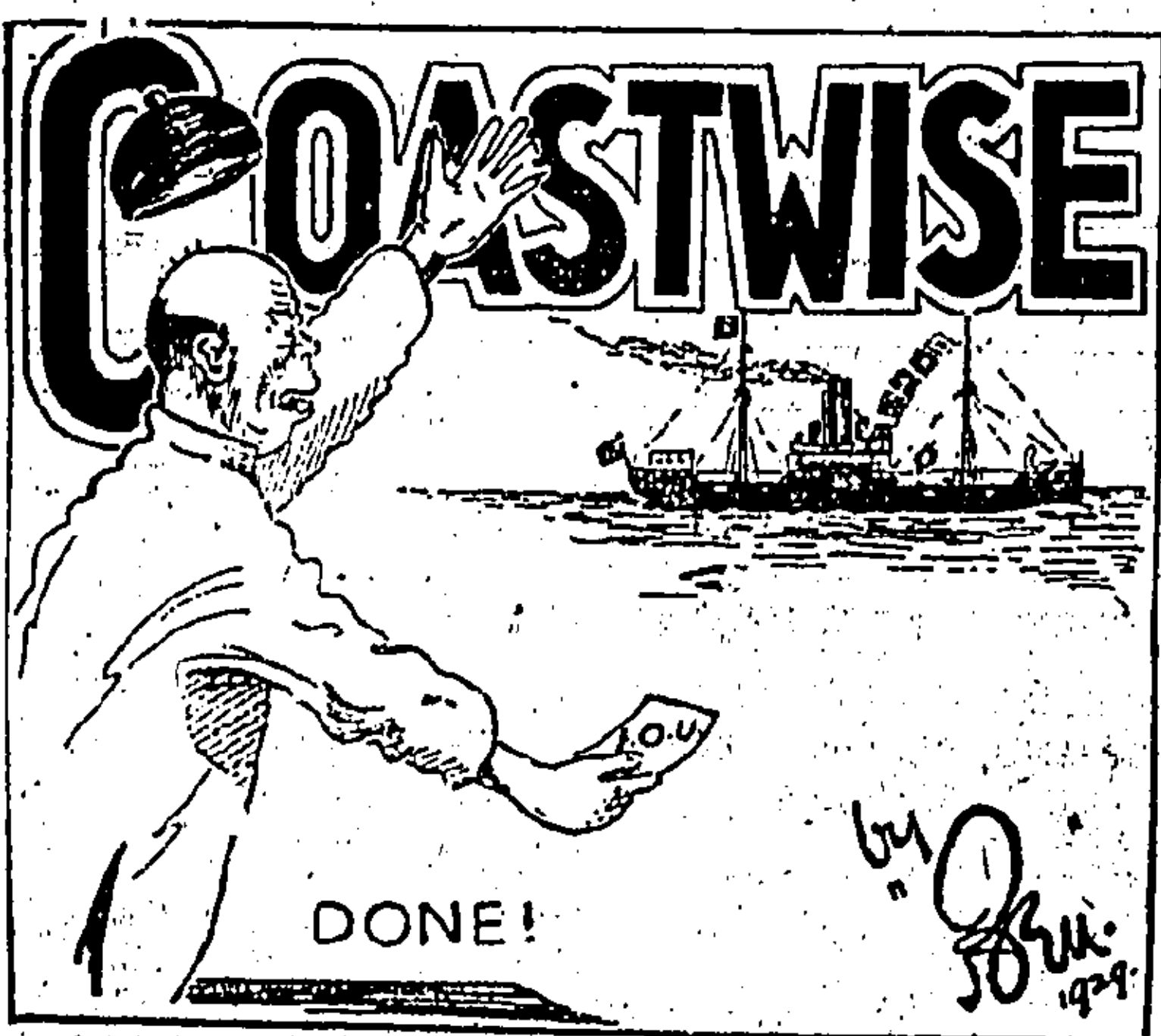
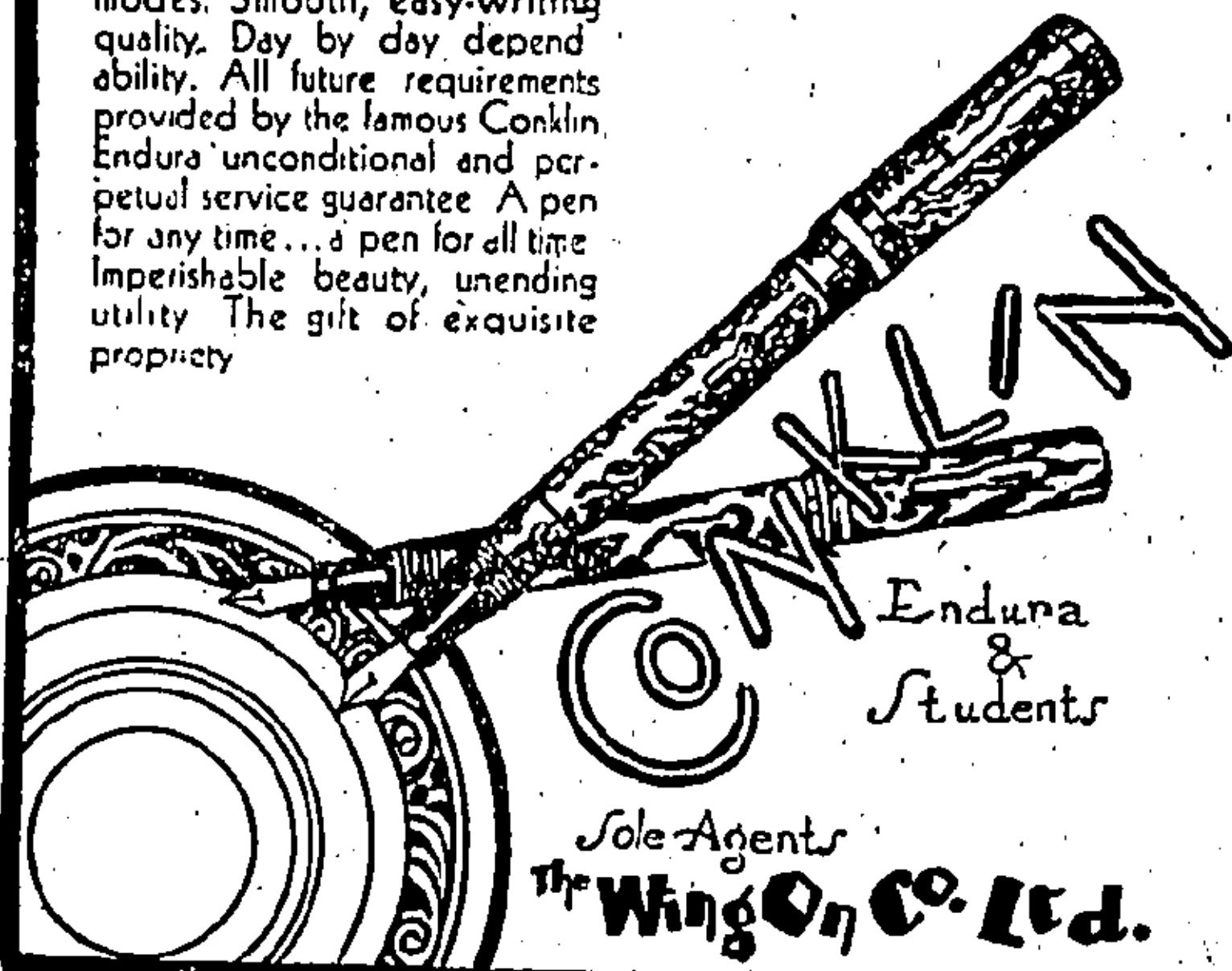
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MONEY PROBLEMS.

It is not surprising to find that the Associated Chambers of Commerce in the United Kingdom have made an attack on national expenditure and heavy taxation, and suggest the use of the "axe" in certain spheres of Governmental activity. During a world depression disorganisation and lack of confidence are general. Trade and finance has escaped from the rational control which seeks to give its volume steadiness and increase. Those who, when they find their income dwindling, seek for persons to blame rather than causes to remedy, are inclined to accuse mysterious and sinister beings of great power and malignance to whom they attribute control of the world's money. But financial power in the infinitely diversified universe of production, buying and selling, is derived from the care of others' savings, and it is just those savings, which are threatened by a crisis such as the present. It is not a world control of money, evilly used, but the lack of a rational world control of money that is partly responsible for the present disorganisation. The trouble is not that financial powers in different countries are working together, but that they are failing to do so.

It has been suggested that much of the world's depression is due to the shortage of gold. There is certainly less gold in the world today in proportion to the volume of trade than there was ten years ago. The cost of producing gold has risen, and that of

producing other goods, taking the gold as a whole, has fallen. Moreover the value of gold is fairly stationary. The dearer other things get, the less it pays to mine. So far then as less gold in proportion to goods, means less currency in proportion to goods, prices should be lower.

A country with confidence in its own finance, like Great Britain, can do with a very small gold reserve, but France, which has had a very bad fright about the value of the franc, has hoarded gold to an extent that forces even London to protect its supplies. The United States has been compelled, even against its will, to hoard huge stocks of gold, because a great volume of war debt is being paid into the country, and owing to the tariff this cannot come in goods. Smaller nations, for the same reason as France, are also scrambling for gold. They erect tariffs and refuse imports, and force their exports industries to bring in gold in payment. Thus the world is short, currency is restricted, and prices fall. But all this, of course, cannot weaken the case for retrenchment in the national expenditure of Great Britain. Unlike a Ministry Chambers of Commerce are composed of business men, whose views are entitled to the deepest respect.

News in Brief.

One case of typhoid fever in Kowloon was notified yesterday.

For the theft of four gunny bags, a Chinese was at the Kowloon Police Court to-day sent to jail for two months. The bags were stolen from a house under construction in Mongkok.

For failing to carry a licence disc on his motor cycle, neither visible in the front or rear, in Nathan Road, Mr. W. S. Simpson, a young Eurasian, was fined \$3, by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith this morning.

Leung Yau-hi (16), a mul tsai employed at 9, Kuen Sau Lane, has been arrested by the Police on a charge of theft of jewellery worth \$201, the property of her mistress. The stolen property has been recovered.

Charged with the larceny of a roll of cloth, valued at \$8, from a shop in Shanghai Street a Chinese pleaded guilty before Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith to-day. The Magistrate passed sentence of one month's hard labour.

Detective-Sergeant W. G. Humphreys to-day charged a Hakka at the Kowloon Court with the larceny of a tin of pineapples, from godown No. 60 at the Kowloon Wharves. A fine of \$5, with the option of seven days' jail, was imposed.

OPIUM TRAFFIC.

REVENUE OFFICER SENT TO PRISON.

Yesterday Mr. R. E. Lindell, convicted Chinese Revenue Officer 63 and two accomplices, who claimed to be informers, on the charge against them of unlawful possession on board a motor boat in the harbour of a large quantity of raw and prepared non-Government opium which was alleged to have been brought to Hong Kong on the Macao boat Sui Tai.

The Revenue Officer was sentenced to one year's hard labour, and the other two accused to nine months each.

Originally there were seven accused in the case but the prosecution withdrew against the coxswain of the motor boat and used him as a witness for the Crown, whilst the other three were discharged by the Magistrate on the ground of insufficient evidence, after evidence of the coxswain had been heard.

BAD COINS.

FOUR MONTHS' JAIL FOR CHINESE.

Before Mr. H. R. Butters yesterday afternoon a Chinese was charged with uttering four counterfeit Hong Kong 10-cent pieces, and unlawful possession of 42 counterfeit coins.

The case for the prosecution was that accused bought two packets of cigarettes at a stall in Queen's Road at about 8.20 p.m. on Tuesday and tendered four counterfeit coins in payment. The holder of the stall, an elderly woman, took the coins into a jeweller's shop for examination. On being told that the coins were bad, she returned them to the accused and took back her cigarettes.

A Chinese detective who was in the vicinity observed all that passed at the stall and arrested accused, who, when searched, was found to have "dud" coins in different pockets of his coat.

Sentence of four months' hard labour was passed.

DRAWING SOCIETY.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS RECEIVED HERE.

The following results of examinations of pupils of the Diocesan Girls' School, have been recently received from the Royal Drawing Society, Queen Anne's Gate, London:—

Prep. Div.	30	13	0
Div. I	47	15	0
II	32	7	0
III	17	11	0
IV	11	5	0
V	1	3	6
VI	1	2	1
	139	56	7

WAR BOAST.

COLD-BLOODED MURDER IN A NEUTRAL COUNTRY.

In his daily article in the Oeuvre, which is unique of its kind in Paris journalism, M. de la Fouchardiere comments with his habitual caustic irony on a story told in a book just published, which would be almost incredible were it not vouched for by the authors themselves.

The book in question, which is called "En Mission chez l'Ennemi," is the work of two French officers, who give an account of their experiences as agents of the French Secret Service during the War.

The title of the book, it is declared, is very inappropriate, for the officers in question practised espionage not in the enemy's country but in Holland, where, as M. de la Fouchardiere says, they ran no risk in the event of discovery except that of being expelled. They declare that, with the aid of a certain "Countess" and a priest, they deliberately murdered in cold blood a German spy called Kauffmann.

The "Countess," entitled Kauffmann into a lonely part of a park, where the two officers were lying in wait. The officers seized him and made him unconscious with a vial of chloroformed cotton wool, and then drowned him in a water-course which the padre had indicated for that purpose.

The authors of the book actually boast of this exploit, committed in the territory of a neutral country.

M. de la Fouchardiere asks how the French public will receive the book in question, and says that he hopes that it will be read all over Europe, Asia, and America, for if it is it ought to make disarmament conferences unnecessary.

"MOSCOW CIRCUS."

TRAINED PIGS AND LENA AWARD.

Riga, Yesterday.
There is just as much chance of obtaining the money as raising it on a used tram ticket, says the Moscow Pravda in commenting on the Court award of \$13,000,000 to the Lena Goldfields. It adds that two grown-ups, Scott and Stutzer played a childish game, but the trained pigs of Moscow circus played it better.—Reuter.

BANDITS IN KIANGSI.

Chinkiang, Wednesday.

Three hundred bandits, who appeared in Nanshang, came in contact on the 9th inst. with the volunteers at Peituchen, 20 miles south of Chinkiang. As a result of this encounter, five volunteers are reported wounded and one killed.

The bandits succeeded in burning and destroying over 1,000 houses at Chikow, and kidnapping 50 inhabitants. Regulars have been despatched by the local authorities against the bandits.—Canton News Agency

HE JUST HATES THE CAMERA.

Mr. Sam Katz, who lives in Chicago and controls more cinemas than any other man in the world, has arrived in London. He is not quite sure how many theatres he really does own, but when he left Chicago there were at least 1,568 of them.

A man of 37, Mr. Katz stands only five feet high and wears dove-grey suits and hats and those beautiful ties with the odd spots on them which all the best Chicagoans affect.

But he is the most smilingly unobnoxious Chicagoan who ever sailed for Britain. And this captain of a host of cinemas, this mogul of the movies, abominates the camera.

KING'S EARLY HANDWRITING.

An interesting feature of an exhibition of books and relics at the Bodleian Library, Oxford, in connection with the Esperanto Conference is a letter written by King George as a child. It is in very crude writing, with thick letters, and it reads:

"dear doctor andland, I can not write a long letter because i am too young but hope when i get older i shall write well."

By the side of the letter is another from the King consenting to the exhibition of this early sample of his hand-writing.

PRINCE AS SALESMAN.

Commenting on the approaching visit of the Prince of Wales to Argentina to attend the British Empire Trade Exhibition, the New York World declares that no more opportune time could be chosen, in view of the unconcealed discontent of Argentina with the new United States tariffs.

"Always clever traders," the newspaper says, "our British competitors are planning to take advantage of our blunders, and the Prince of Wales is the best salesman of the Empire. He will soon be packing his grip for another trip."

300-SHOTS-A-MINUTE GUN.

A Swedish machine gun, the "Madsen," was demonstrated before rifle experts of the Army and Navy at Blalby.

Firing 300 ammunition, it was first used as an ordinary rifle from the shoulder, firing 80 shots in 10 seconds. Then, resting on a specially designed tripod, 800 shots a minute were registered on the target by marksmen from a kneeling and prone position. The gun weighs 16lb.

"NO-SMOKING" STRIKE.

A ban on smoking has led to a strike of 100 men at the Cowley, Oxford, works of the Pressed Steel Company of Great Britain.

The strikers, who form part of a night-shift claim that smoking on night work and overtime is a recognized practice in the engineering world.

Have You Heard?—

Two Highlanders were discussing the new officer who had just been attached to their company.

"Hae ye heard his name?" asked one.
"What! Hae ye no heard?" returned the other. "Och! He's got a gran' name, I tell ye. Mister Buchanan Dewar, wi' a siphon 'in between."

Two men were talking together in a new suburb where they lived, and one said, "I think somebody ought to tell Old Brown that the name of his house is spelt wrongly. Hae you noticed it? The writer has put 'The Gables.'"

"It's quite right," replied the other. "It must be intentional on Brown's part. You see, he has six unmarried daughters."

Mrs. Younger: "James, if you don't eat this cake, I'll never bake another!"
Mr. Younger: "And if I do eat it, you won't need to bake another—for me!"

Hobson: "I understand, your daughter is taking great pains with her singing."
Poor Father: "Taking" is not the word, "Giving" is more like it.

He: "You seem to look upon a proposal of marriage as an everyday affair."
She: "Hardly that. Every other day, I never give my answer the same day."

Wife: "Gladys tells me George calls her his peach, the apple of his eye, and all sorts of pet names. Why don't you call me pretty names like that?"
Husband: "How can I? George is on the fruit market. I'm in fish."

Oculist: "Has your little girl got used to her glasses?"
Mother: "There is no means of making her wear them all day, but fortunately I manage to slip them on as soon as she falls asleep."

Doctor: "I fear your husband is not so well to-day. Mrs. Murphy. Is he keeping to the simple diet I prescribed?"

Mrs. Murphy: "That he's not, sorr. He says he'll not be starving himself to death just for the sake of living a few years longer."

Hat-shop Assistant: "What size of hat does your husband take, madam?"
Customer: "I'm not sure of the size, but try them on this melen. His hats fit it exactly."

A tramp knocked at a cottage door to ask for food. An old lady was met with the request "Have pity and help a hungry man, mum. I've tried every way to get a living: I've asked for it. I've begged for it! I've cried for it!"

The old lady asked kindly: "Have you tried working for it?"
"Ma'am," replied the beggar, "I try things in turns and 'W' is a long way down the alphabet."

"Spring has gone!" he whispered softly.
And a gloom crept o'er his eyes, "Spring has gone!" The woman listened.
In her own eyes faint surprise. Through the window, warming sunbeams. On the man's grim features shone, And the world was filled with radiance.

As he whispered—"Spring has gone!"
But he knew, and she believed him.

And she sadly turned away, Forced a smile when he said loudly: "But I'll mend your watch to-day!"

Ten Years Ago.
[From the "China Mail," September 12, 1920.]
To-day's dollar is 4/2 3/4.

Child Hawkers.—They must go on hawking. The conditions compel it. For God's sake let us attack the conditions and not the children. Let us all set our faces against a system which manufactures criminals out of the young and innocent.

Let our jails and lockups be emptied of children and put no more in!

Ten Years Hence.
[From the "China Mail," September 12, 1930.]

A fleet of light aeroplanes is to be acquired for the Police emergency squad.

Applications to join the Police Reserve will not in future be entertained from young men who are physically fit to join the Volunteer Corps.

SHEPHERD CIRCUS.

COLONY PROMISED BIG ATTRACTION.

FIRST VISIT HERE.

A big attraction is promised for Hong Kong in the forthcoming visit of the Shepherd Circus, which is appearing here for the first time. This circus carries one of the finest travelling menageries in the business and is practically speaking a travelling zoo.

Mr. J. A. Blacher, who is making arrangements for the staging of the circus on the Praya East side, promises several new and original treats in the form of trapeze artists, and dare-devil riding. A special attraction will be a ballet of twelve dancers trained in the Imperial Russian Ballet in Moscow.

A further attraction promised is "looping the loop" on 2 bicycles which, it is claimed, has not been seen in the Colony before.

Another "stunt" of exceptional interest will be ballet dancing with 24-foot snakes. Invertebrate night-owls are requested to watch this act with the greatest respect.

The circus carries 60 European artists, and will put on a matinee show every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, apart from the usual evening show at 9.15.

WONDERFUL ANIMALS.

Amongst the animals, which number about 120, is a musical elephant, the smallest pony in the world (only 3 feet in height), performing orange-outangs (which will interest everybody who has studied the Darwinian theory), a number of camels, specially trained by Miss Ordette, and zebras which jump through hoops of fire.

"Master Robert," a horse which walks a distance of 50 feet on his hind legs, will also be on view. He has been educated and trained by Mr. Blacher, and has appeared with marked success all over the Far East.

Amongst the simians will be the "Golden Monkey," whose parents were black. The youngster was caught with his parents, in the hills of Ceylon, and taken to Hamburg. The Shepherd Circus has sole world rights to exhibit this unique animal.

INGOLDSBY LEGENDS

CANTERBURY MEMORIAL TO THE AUTHOR.

It is proposed to place a memorial to Richard Darham, the author of the "Ingoldsby Legends" and "the wildest of British poets" in Canterbury, which was his birthplace.

Though Canterbury was the place of his birth (in 1788), he had very large associations with London; he was educated in St. Paul's School, and became a minor canon of the Cathedral.

From 1842 to 1845 he held, in addition to his Cathedral appointments, the rectory of St. Augustine's with St. Faith's Watling Street.

The Mayor of Canterbury is organising the memorial fund.

HAPPY DAYS!

WHITE HOUSE GLASSES PACKED AWAY.

The wine glasses which graced the table of the White House in the good old days have now been packed away out of sight—by order of President Hoover.

These glasses, some of them fifty years old, have not been used since the introduction of Prohibition ten years ago and, when the usual summer inventory of White House equipment was taken recently, it was decided that they should be sent to a Government storehouse.

There they can no longer recall happy memories of now illegal joys to the Chief Executive and his staff in thrifty weather.

NEWSTEAD ABBEY OFFER.

Sir Julian Cohn, who some months ago bought the monastic portions of Newstead Abbey, on the edge of Sherwood Forest, has made a tentative suggestion that Nottingham City Council should accept it.

Newstead Abbey was the ancestral home of the Byron family. When Sir Julian acquired the property it was understood that the National Trust for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings would assume responsibility for it, but the trust does not see its way to doing so.

The proposal is to be considered at the next meeting of the council.

AIR LINER CRASH.

PROBABLY STRUCK TREE NEAR CROYDON.

London, Yesterday. Although the pilot and mechanic both Belgians, were incinerated in the crash of the night air mail from London to Brussels, the mails were saved.

The machine was a three-engined Fokker monoplane, and had just taken off. Visibility was very bad, and this is believed to have caused the pilot to strike a tree, barely two hundred yards from the boundary of Croydon aerodrome.—Reuter.

STATE SECESSION.

WEST AUSTRALIAN BOND INDISSOLUBLE.

Perth, July 23. Dealing with talk of secession by W.A., the Federal Attorney-General (Mr. Brennan), in a speech at the Unity Theatre to-day, said it was impossible for one State to withdraw from the Commonwealth.

The right of Dominion Ministers to approach the Crown referred to the Dominions as a whole, and not to sections of them. It did not apply to West Australia. Lord Balfour's declaration illustrated the absurdity of a section of the Commonwealth petitioning the King for dismemberment of the Federation. He would not like to see any action of Australia snubbed; he would not like to see West Australia humiliated, but if the people of that State went up in hand to the King with a request that they should be permitted to withdraw from the Commonwealth, they would be told that the spokesmen for Australia were the Ministers of the Government of Australia, whatever that Government might be.

The union which West Australia had embraced was indissoluble when it was entered into, and had become, by each stage of development, ten times more indissoluble. The bond might chafe, but it was not to be broken at will.

Mr. Brennan said some people advocated Australian repudiating her obligations. He could not subscribe to that doctrine. Such a course would place a stigma on the nation. "We will have to retrace our steps, maybe through sweat and tears, but we cannot repudiate our obligations," he added.

EMPIRE'S SACRIFICE.

WAR MEMORIALS UNVEILED IN FRANCE.

London, August 4. Four memorials to 40,000 officers and men of the British Empire, whose bodies have never been found, were unveiled to-day, at Loos by General Sir Neil Macready, at Vis-en-Artois by General Sir Walter Braithwaite, at Louviers by Lieut-General Sir Louis Vaughan (representing Viscount Byng), and at Pozieres, by General Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling, the name of whose son appears on the memorial, was present at Loos.

The Minister of War, Mr. Tom Shaw, specially attended the ceremony at Vis-en-Artois.

Relatives of fallen ex-Servicemen were present at all the ceremonies, in which French representatives participated.

RIFLING KING'S TOMB.

Rumours Of Buried State Jewels.

Mandalay, Aug. 14. Believing certain wild rumours that King Alaungmyindaya Gyi of Shwebo, a king of Burma, who died at Amarapura, was buried with all the State jewels, including a gold chain set with diamonds, Paw Nyun, Po Kyoke and Po San, of Mayanman quarter, Mandalay, made an attempt to exhume the body. As it was not an easy task to destroy the tomb without being noticed by the people of the locality, these men went about their business at midnight.

Information reaching the police of the attempt, on the 13th night Sub-Inspector Ba Ba, of the Detective Department, with a number of his assistants, made a raid and caught the thieves in the act. Paw Nyun was alleged to have been caught red-handed. The other two were caught later. All the three accused are at present being sent up under section 457, I.P.C.

Constantinople, September 8.—The Argentine Consul-General has been found dead with a revolver bullet in his temple. Reasons for his suicide are at present unknown, but it is understood that he had been suffering badly from neurasthenia.—A.R.P.

NEW CROMWELL.

WHY MR. BECKETT TOOK THE MACE.

Mr. John Beckett, who was recently suspended from the House of Commons following his seizure of the Mace, explained his action subsequently as follows:

"For fourteen months we have sat in the House of Commons all hours of the night wasting time listening to senile statesmen scoring futile debating points off one another. With a Labour Government in power it is impossible to get a working-class viewpoint expressed in the House of Commons, as the business of the House is set by the three Front Benches, who are in close conspiracy to prevent the sharp wind of reality piercing the comfortable statesmanlike slumbers."

"I took the method of protest I did quite spontaneously. When I got to the table in front of the Mace I was boiling with indignation. 'The Labour Government will be faced with many such protests while it continues to ape, its so-called better, Lord Tom Neddy may cut a gracious figure in silk breeches, but the same cannot be said of Jimmy Thomas. I stood by my friend in a protest against an effete Parliamentary system, and so far as I am concerned that is the end of the matter.'"

He said that if he had succeeded in getting out of the chamber with it he would merely have left it in the cloak-room. "I didn't intend to take it home and put it in the drawing-room," he said laughingly. "And I should like to make it equally clear that I was not trying to get a souvenir to sell to America or anything of that sort."

"When I took it I had no premeditated intention of taking it anywhere. I merely took it off as a protest. When I walked along the floor with it I was very glad to be relieved of it before I had gone very far."

CONFETTI IN KILT.

SIR HARRY LAUDER HAS TO UNDRESS.

Attending a wedding at St. John's Catholic Church, Manchester, recently, Sir Harry Lauder was so showered with confetti that he had to undress entirely at the bride's home after the ceremony.

His kilt and Glengarry were given a vigorous shaking. Hundreds of laughing women and girls mobbed the famous comedian, whose chief concern was that he should not take the bride's share of attention.

"This is her great day," he said, "I had mine years ago."

Sir Harry's visit was made at the call of a lifelong friend, Mr. W. Cochrane, a Manchester business man, who invited him to attend the wedding of his youngest daughter, Miss Helen Cochrane, to Mr. Harold Prior, of Leeds.

TYPISTS' REVOLT.

WHITEHALL GIRLS OBJECT TO OFFICE CONDITIONS.

A deputation of women clerks in Government departments recently complained to Mr. Lansbury and Mr. Pethick-Lawrence, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, at the Office of Works that:

Many of their typewriters had been sent to the repair shop, and the noise resulting from the practice of having from 20 to 30 in one room was maddening.

The lighting arrangements in many offices were bad.

They wanted clean windows to let in the light and electric lighting for each worker.

Mr. Lansbury promised to consider the complaints.

ROUGH SEA BATHING.

The question whether police and beach officials should have power to prevent bathers from risking their lives in stormy seas was raised at an inquest at Brighton on Driver Robert Worthington, of X. Battery, R.A. Preston Barracks.

Evidence was given that Worthington, and his companions ignored several warnings not to enter the water.

Mr. W. D. Paskett, the coroner, said it was very dangerous for even a strong swimmer to bathe in rough seas. William Barber, a coast-guard boatman, suggested that boatmen should have power to prevent people from entering the water when it was dangerous to do so.

"Only to be saved," he said, "I had to get the police to prevent men from bathing when it was not safe."

A verdict of Death from Misadventure was returned.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Entertainments.
To-day—Queen's Theatre.
"Caught Short."
To-day—Central Theatre.
"The Doctor's Secret."
To-day—World Theatre.
"Love Trap."
To-day—Star Theatre.
"Three Passions."
To-day—Majestic Theatre.
"Something Always Happens"
Sports
See Special Sports Diary on page 8.

Meeting.
September 23—Extraordinary general meeting of the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., Exchange Bldg. (1st floor), Des Voeux Road Central, 11 a.m.

Land Sales.
September 15—At P.W.D. Offices, three lots of Crown land, 5 p.m.

Home Mails.
To-day—Inward from America and ports (President Jackson); from Europe via Siberia (Mantua).
To-morrow—Outward for Europe via Marseilles (Mantua) 10.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Zosma), 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.
September 15—Opening of South China Motor ship works by Hon. Dr. Kotewall, 3.30 p.m.
September 29—Hong Kong Stock Exchange Settlement Day.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:—

6 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
7 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records selected and supplied by the Anderson Music Co.

Merric England—Vocal Gems (E. German).
Quartet with Chorus (9899).
Dinorah (Meyerbeer).
Traviata (Verdi).
Gertrude Johnson, Soprano (9709).

Paul Rubens Memorial—Vocal Gems, Ivan Caryll Memorial—Vocal Gems, Columbia Light Opera Co. (9896).

7.30 p.m.—"Cantonese for Everyone"—The first of a series of Lectures on the study of Cantonese by the Rev. H. K. Wells.
Zapatoado (Sarasati).
Liebesleid (Kreisler).

Violin Solo by Efram Zimbalist (9656).
Iolanthe—Vocal Gems (Gilbert & Sullivan).
Columbia Light Opera Co. (DX17).

Parted (Tosti).
Wait (D'Amato).
Hubert Elsdall, Tenor (9848).
Faust—Waltz (Gounod).
Faust—Prelude (Gounod).
Milan Symphony Orchestra (9876).

The Barber of Seville—Overture (Rossini).
B.B.C. Wireless Symphony Orchestra (9166).
España, Waltz (Waldteufel).
L'Estudiantine, Waltz.
Jacques Jacoby Ensemble (9685).

Nigger Town.
Mississippi Bubble.
Vibrante Banjo Solo by Ernest Jones (5683).

Lilac Time—Vocal Gems, Columbia Light Opera Co. (9680).

Waldteufel Memorial—Fantasia (Finck).
Herman Finck & Orchestra (9836).

1 hour a Thrush at Eve (Cadman).
A Dream (Bartlett).
William Martin, Tenor (1561).

The Leek Selection—Welsh Airs, The Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (9272).
9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time and Press News.
9.05 p.m.—European Studio Concert.

1. Chinese Glee Club String Quartette.
a. "Honolulu March."
b. "Hawaiian Love."

2. Mrs. O. C. Womack—Soprano.
"Dream Lover" from "The Love Parade."

3. Mr. Li Chor-chi—Tenor.
a. "La Mésone" from Fortuna by Messager.
b. "Penses d'Automne," Massenet.

4. Mrs. D. J. Valentine—Contralto.
a. "The Hedges" from "Carnival."
b. "Fairy Lights," Herman Löhr.

5. Dick Barry and a Piano.
6. Chinese Glee Club String Quartette.
a. "Horikawa, Wikkiki."
b. "Hula Girl."

7. Mrs. D. J. Valentine—Contralto.
a. "Little Chimes," Mandarin.
b. "Montagne," Phillips.

8. "Down, Here," Drake.
9. Mr. Li Chor-chi—Tenor.
a. "Chanson de Cherubin," Massenet.
b. "Rondo," Valse from "Les Cigales" de Cornély by Planquette.

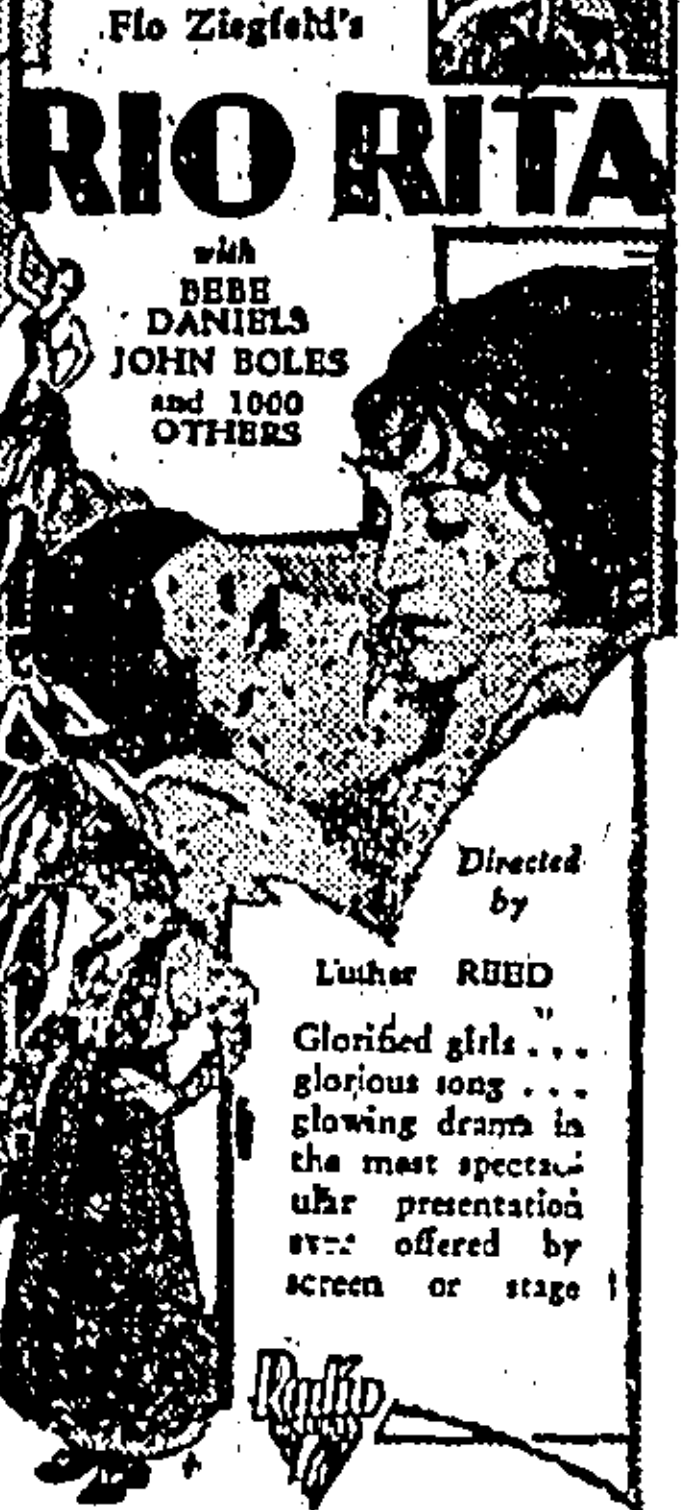
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10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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DUKE WATCHES FIRE

FURNITURE REPOSITORY BLAZE NEAR ARUNDEL CASTLE.

Among those who watched a big fire at a furniture repository at Arundel, Sussex, recently, was the young Duke of Norfolk. The fire occurred nearly opposite Arundel Castle, the duke's home, and to cope with it the Arundel brigade had to be reinforced from Littlehampton.

Firemen from 15 stations who fought an outbreak on the top floor of a celluloid toy dealer's premises in Bridgewater Square, near the Barbican, were forced to wear gas masks owing to the fumes.

It was only by chance that the outbreak was noticed by a passing pedestrian, for the square is usually deserted during the week-end.

EXTORTION ATTEMPT.

Police Trap Alleged Writer Of Threatening Letter.

Klang, August 25. A Cantonese named Lee Tian-loi was charged here to-day with attempting to extort \$2,000 by threats from Leong Yan-tuck, a well-known Chinese towkay.

The O.C.P.D. asked for a remand pending instructions from the D.L.A. This was granted and Lee Tian-loi was refused bail.

It was stated that the towkay received a letter demanding that an envelope containing \$2,000 be placed at a spot in Meru Road indicated in the letter within three days.

The towkay told the police, who set a trap for the writer of the letter. The same day the towkay's son placed a letter at the spot named and the man who picked it up was immediately arrested.

CHARGE OF SHOOTING.

Offers Of Marriage For Titled Woman.

London, August 1. Lady E. Owen, the former London actress who is now in a Paris gaol on a charge of shooting a doctor's wife, is receiving offers of marriage by every post.

The latest, says Reuter, is from a workman living at Marseilles. He hastens to assure her that he is in a very good position, as he earns six shillings a day.

Lady Owen, a Frenchwoman by birth, she was born at Havre of French parents—his written to the British Embassy to ask for the recognition of her British nationality as the result of her marriage to the late Sir Theodore Charles Owen.

BROKER SHOT DEAD.

Mr. Rhodes Cobb, aged 68, of The Grove, Esher, Surrey, a retired produce broker, was found shot dead in his garden. A gun was by his side.

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POLO.

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT FOR K.O.Y.L.I. CUP.

FOUR SIDES ENTERED.

(Contributed.)
At the Hong Kong Polo Club the annual tournament is being held for the "K.O.Y.L.I. Cup." This trophy was presented over 10 years ago by the officers of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry and was last year won by the K.O.S.B. team. This year the following four sides are entered and the first match takes place to-day (Friday) at 5 p.m.

Guns:—Major Hewson; Captain Herbage; Mr. Mould; Mr. Davidson. Headquarters:—Colonel Brownrigg; Colonel Seiler; Major Clark; Mr. Baskerville-Glegg.

"P.B.I."—Captain Carmichael; Mr. Worrall; Mr. Bramwell; Mr. Davidson. Headquarters:—Colonel Brownrigg; Colonel Seiler; Major Clark; Mr. Baskerville-Glegg.
The play is open, without handicap, and the matches are four chukkas. To-day the Guns meet "P.B.I." On Monday Headquarters plays the Civilians and on Friday, the 18th, the finals will be held. For the finals a military band has been promised and a special tea is being served by the Club. All members are invited to bring guests to any of these matches and particularly for the Finals when a most interesting game can be guaranteed.

Players' Merits.

As regards to-day's match a few words might be said concerning the players' relative merits and on the probability of the outcome.

First as to the Guns.

Major Hewson is a very steady and experienced player, better, perhaps, as a back than as a forward. He is only fairly well mounted.

Captain Herbage is a very long hitter and a hard worker. With better ponies he would be as dangerous a man as any on the ground.

Mr. Mould is a player of the more dashing type and if he is on his game hits both long and accurately.

Mr. Schreiber, an energetic No. 1, who can be relied upon to worry the opposing back.

Now, the "P.B.I." (as this side is, a combination of Argyls & Somerset) it is fair to assume that one of these mystic initials stands for Infantry. There is less reason to think that another stands for "Blessed".

Capt. Carmichael. Undoubtedly one of the best players here but of a size rather embarrassing to a China pony.

Mr. Worrall, a very energetic worker and quite reliable with his stick. What he lacks in experience he makes up in enthusiasm though certainly the former is more valuable as an asset.

Mr. Bramwell, a good forward and although not entirely certain he is capable of very fine shots.

Mr. Davidson. While this player has had the least experience of the lot he has learned quickly and has a good eye for the ball.

On the handicap basis "P.B.I." would be giving the Guns several goals and I cannot but feel that they have the better chance of winning. Nevertheless, the Guns can be depended upon to put a concerted effort and the outcome of the game is by no means definitely assured.

Further notes will appear on the result of this game and on the chances for the next. I have been assured by the Committee that they will gladly welcome spectators and it is to be hoped that some of our kind "paying" members will turn up to see their "paying" confederates do their stuff.

MOTOR RACING.

TRIUMPH FOR LANCASHIRE RIDER.

Rugby. Yesterday, L. R. Merrill, of Southport, Lancashire, riding a Rudge machine won the 226 miles race for the Manx Motor Cycling Club Senior Grand Prix to-day by only 19 seconds, his average speed being 69.40 miles per hour.

G. W. Wood, also on a Rudge, was second. There were 47 starters. British Wireless Service.

TENNIS.

HONG DOUBLES AT THE H.K.C.C.

By defeating T. H. King and W. Le Bart Sparrow (Police), scratch, yesterday on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground, A. C. J. Bowker and C. E. Holmes (Doddwell's) owe 3/6 entered the

HOME FOOTBALL.

THREE MATCHES IN THE THIRD DIVISION.

Q.P.R. FALL AT HOME.

Three matches in the Third Division were played yesterday—two in the Southern Section and one in the Northern Section.

Queen's Park Rangers suffered their second defeat of the season when they met Watford on their own ground, the visitors winning by the odd goal in five. Thames, the "babies" of the League, entertained Clapton Orient and scored their second win by three goals' margin.

In the Northern section Carlisle brought off their first win, defeating Stockport County by five goals to one.

Results, as cabled by Reuter, are as under:—

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Our Sports Diary

LOCAL.

Tennis.—To-day—Hong Doubles, H.K.C.C.; League—Division I.—H.K.C.C. v. I.R.C. Base Ball.—To-morrow—Kiaoras v. Filipino Club. Sunday—South China v. Texaco.

Aquatics.—To-morrow—Police and Prison Departments Aquatic Sports, V.R.C. Sunday—Talkoo R.C. Club Aquatics, V.R.C., 3.30 p.m.

Lawn Bowls.—To-morrow—C.C.C. v. Dockyard, 4 p.m. Sunday—Inter-Departmental Contest—Education Department v. Sanitary Department C.C.C. Green.

September 20—Aitkenhead Shield—Kowloon v. Hong Kong, K.C.C. Green.

Football.—September 27—Chinese v. Rest of the League, Happy Valley.

Racing.—September 18—Entries Close for Extra Race Meeting, noon.

September 27—Seventh Extra Race Meeting.

October 10 and 11—Eighth Extra Race Meeting.

Polo.—To-day—Guns v. "P.B.I." 5 p.m.

Monday—Headquarters v. Civilians, 5 p.m.

September 18—Finals of K.O.Y.L.I. Cup, 5 p.m.

September 20—Gymkhana, Polo Ground.

Rowing.—September 22—Traversa Trophy, 4 p.m.

HOME.

Racing.—To-day—Doncaster Cup. October 16—The Cesarewitch, Newmarket.

October 20—Cambridgeshire Stakes, Newmarket.

semi-finals of the Hong Doubles tennis tournament. Bowker and Holmes had no difficulty in winning, conceding only two games in two sets, the first of which they annexed without the loss of a game.

AUSTRALIA'S TEST VICTORY.

England's Lack of Team Work.

MACARTNEY'S COMMENTS.

Although Australia's resumption of possession of the Ashes is now un fait accompli, to many readers the following comments of C. G. Macartney, Australia's Test veteran, in the Times of Ceylon, upon England's failure, will be of interest.

London, August 16.

The seriousness of the deciding Test was indicated by the patient tactics employed by England after winning the toss.

Brilliant sunshine favoured the opening day, but the wicket at the commencement showed that its surface must have contained some moisture as the rise of the ball was uneven and occasionally it jumped more than usual. This feature disappeared after lunch when the wicket became a batsman's paradise.

Hobbs and Sutcliffe steered the side into a satisfactory position by subduing and ultra-cautious methods, more particularly on the part of Sutcliffe.

Hobbs was easily the brighter, but until he foolishly threw his wicket away in forsaking the policy he had adopted for nearly two hours, no risks were taken with the bowling.

Whether Hobbs was over-anxious to reach 50 before lunch or whether the preceding stroke to the boundary had too much attraction, it is impossible to say, but he fell an easy victim to a catch at short leg.

Duleep's Refreshing Innings.

The steadiness of the bowling and the soundness of the batting had made runs difficult to score, but this did not deter Duleep from playing a most refreshing innings. His stroke play was delightful, powerful inside shots being a dominating feature.

His dismissal was a disappointment, but it was a great relief to the Australians.

Though Whysall fell to Wall, he was most unsteady against Grimmett.

Sutcliffe refused to be drawn from the tactics he had employed at the beginning. His patience was truly remarkable and of great assistance to his side when the wickets of Whysall, Hammond and Leyland were falling quickly.

It must be reckoned a great innings, although his batting was slow. Sutcliffe had evidently set his mind to a policy and he stuck to it.

It is not his fault that the match is being played out to a finish. The question is whether Sutcliffe's policy was correct from the cricket view point in the actual game in progress and the answer must be "yes."

But For Sutcliffe!

It served its purpose to-day.

Had Sutcliffe done anything rash and sacrificed his wicket, things could have done badly for England.

Other points in the game were the splendid fielding and the magnificent wicket-keeping of Oldfield. Bradman made many excellent saves on the boundary. Oldfield's work was of the real Test standard. The manner in which he rises to the occasion is an example of the temperament he possesses for the big event.

Wall deserves a compliment for his bowling, especially before lunch. Though his victims might not have been secured by perfect deliveries, he sent down many that kept the batsmen in subjection.

Fairfax and Hornibrook had little to do, but Grimmett troubled most of the batsmen. He was distinctly turning the ball, but in the varying amount of this, coupled with his regular length, kept the batsmen guessing.

McCabe served as a useful relief, securing Hammond with his googly.

Wyatt's Assurance.

Wyatt arrived at the crease when the situation was critical and a stand was demanded.

Wyatt's calm assurance was appreciated. Although worried by Grimmett at times, he was unperturbed and proceeded on his way quietly, but here and there he revealed sterling strokes which found the boundary.

The work of Wyatt to-day adds a solidity to the batting which was much needed at the time.

England's fortunes fluctuated throughout the day, but the association of Wyatt and Sutcliffe placed them in a very satisfactory state at the end.

Disappointing English Fielding.

Conditions were good for the resumption of England's innings in the final Test match at the Oval yesterday, the weather being beautifully fine at the start.

The wicket was again slightly moist on top, due to a little rain during the night. This feature slowed up the pace of the bowlers but gave Grimmett some slight assistance, which he was not slow to use.

Sutcliffe and Wyatt, however, started brightly enough, but Grimmett subdued both batsmen so that the scoring again became slow.

Fairfax put more vim into his work to-day, using his fast ball with judgment and success.

Fairfax and Grimmett caused a sudden collapse after the fall of Sutcliffe's wicket, and England's later batsmen failed to give the requisite support to the splendid efforts of the earlier men.

Grimmett's Work.

Grimmett deserves the greatest praise for his sustained effort to-day. For nearly two hours he bowled unchanged and throughout that period he did not bowl what could be called a bad ball.

He had the satisfaction of making every batsman uncomfortable at some time or another, and even when he is not securing wickets there is a moral effect which gives untold support to the other bowlers. In this he has been a giant in the Australian side.

Woodfull handled his side well, leaving few openings where runs could be made without earning them.

He managed his bowling with discretion, and even though two hours appears on the surface a long time to work one man, Grimmett, still it was justified on this occasion.

The Australian fielding was again good, but was marred by a missed catch in the slips. Hornibrook was the offender and Wall, the bowler.

The latter's magnificent work deserved better success.

Oldfield in Form.

The keeping by Oldfield to-day was even better than his excellent work on Saturday. Added to his general work the leg-side catch by which he ended Wyatt's innings was a gem.

McCabe's work at silly point was outstanding, and he may yet all that position in keeping with such great performers as Andrews and Richardson ere long.

Australia faced England's score with more confidence than she has yet shown in the Test series, both Woodfull and Ponsford attacking the bowling from the outset.

Woodfull, however, returned to his characteristic defence, while Ponsford maintained his pace of run-getting, eventually reaching his century—a magnificent achievement.

Ponsford's Best.

It is, in my opinion, the best innings he has played in England in any match.

There was power in his work and his timing and placing had an exactness about them that marked batsman.

He made his strokes all round the wicket, but the on-side received the greatest favours, while the drive and square shots were not forgotten.

Woodfull again showed his value by presenting the broad blade to all bowlers.

Duckworth's Bad Day.

Certainly Duckworth had a particularly bad day behind the wicket, but there was such an obvious lack of variety in the attack that trouble could seldom be expected.

Larwood could get nothing out of the wicket and it is questionable at times as to whether he was as fast as Tate, whose reputable nip from the pitch was absent.

Larwood attempted to work out a leg theory trap to Ponsford prior to lunch, but that batsman, being on the top of his form, defeated the object.

Wyatt and Hammond merely relieved their deliveries.

It was to Peebles one looked for something, as one must always look when the spin bowler is in operation, and this applies to both England and Australia.

The England side to-day appeared to lack combination, and it took them some time before they revealed anything like team work.

The whole of England's cricket to-day showed a weakness, while that of Australia on the day was superior.

Owing to showery conditions interfering with the Test at the Oval to-day (Tuesday), Australia had varied wickets and light to contend with.

Before lunch, the wicket was the best of the match and the English attack made little impression on the visiting batsmen.

Steady Batting.

The batting throughout the day was of a steady character. There were few, if any, attempts at aggression, there being no more necessity for any batsman to take the offensive than did Sutcliffe in England's innings.

Kippax's display was pleasing as his stroke execution possessed neatness and finish; so much so that his departure was a disappointment.

Jackson's batting lacked confidence at the start and he indulged in far too much pad play, instead of putting the bat to the ball. He was subdued and paid too much respect to the bowling.

Bradman went quietly on his way and after surviving a couple of uncomfortable periods supplied by Peebles, who bowled some excellent overs, he was seldom in trouble. He took no risks and treated every ball on its merits.

At the same time he took every advantage of the loose ball. Powerful pulls, snappy drives and some splendid cutting were prominent among his scoring strokes in a century innings that lacked the dash and fire of Ponsford's effort on the previous day.

Slips of Luck.

Bradman had one or two slips of luck but these can generally be expected in a long innings.

The England side appeared more like a team and their performance in the field both individually and collectively were a great improvement on that of Monday. The handling of the ball on the ground was not as clean as it might have been and this feature will always reduce the standard of fielding from that expected in first-class cricket. However, Peebles, Leyland and Wyatt were outstanding, while the latter's catch to dismiss Kippax was a magnificent effort.

The seeping by Duckworth was still below his usual standard.

Wyatt took too long to fill the wide gap in the deep field between square leg and straight, when Peebles was operating. This opening not only gave away many runs, but enabled the batsmen to make the stroke in that direction without danger. With that avenue closed, it necessitates either more defence or attack in another direction, both of which can entice batsmen into errors.

Peebles Again Bowls Well.

England's bowling was steadier than on Monday, but because of the lack of variety there was not much of a dangerous nature for the batsmen. What there was it was supplied by Peebles, who operated creditably here and there introducing some splendid overs.

Tate and Hammond were robbed of victims by the misfortunes of the game. Had the chances from these bowlers been taken, the situation might possibly have worn a different complexion.

Thanks to Australia's batsmen,

the situation is decidedly in favour of the Visitors. So far as the match has gone, Australia has shown outstanding superiority in every department of the game. The English bowling was unable to cope with the solid defence opposed to it.

Wyatt did the best he could with the limited variety at his disposal, and although it was never what might be termed thrashed, it was helpless to prevent the runs which steadily appeared as time went on.

In my opinion the bowling was better than on the preceding days, Tate and Larwood showing more pace than previously.

Throughout the innings every bowler suffered a certain amount of misfortune, but that is merely the luck of the game.

The wicket at the start still showed the effect of the rain of the previous day, but apart from frequent kicking the spin bowlers made nothing out of it.

Clever Batting.

During this period Bradman and Jackson batted rather cleverly. Bradman was uncomfortable to Larwood, several times backing away from the rising ball.

Bradman's feat of run-getting is amazing. This innings would not compare with others he has played this tour in Tests, as it was much more defensive and restrained, but his temperament, physical endurance and eye are characteristics which he possesses to a most marked degree, and which have been displayed with marvellous consistency.

Jackson justified his inclusion by his batting; although there was no attempt at aggression, his work

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List of ships expected to be in wireless communication with Hong Kong to-day:—Konsan Maru, M.S. Hikawa Maru, Bennevis, Muensterland, Kaga Maru, Deli Maru, Kiangsu, and Kwangchow.

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Manila	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.
Manila	Muensterland
Shanghai and Swatow	Zosma
Shanghai and Amoy	SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14.
Manila	Tjikarang
Saigon	MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15.
	President Pierce
	Andre Lebon
	TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16.
	Van Heutz
	Australia and Manila
	Japan and Shanghai
	WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17.
	Tjikarang
	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19.
	Kashima Maru

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per
Shanghai	FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12.
Samshui & Wuchow	Han Yang 3.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Tai Hing 4 p.m.
	Mantua
	Due Marseilles, Oct. 10.)
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Parcels	K.P.O.
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	SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13.
Australia (except Places North of Townsville) and New Zealand via Singapore and Brisbane	Mantua, connecting with s.s. Nieuw Holland at Singapore. (Due Brisbane, Oct. 4.)
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CLIMBING GOATS OF MOROCCO.

An Unbelievable Sight.

CURIOUS GRAZING GROUND.

Everybody expects monkey-shines from Billy and Nanny—to a certain extent.

Tin cans and overcoats, rusty nails and broken crockery—what won't a goat eat!

In zoological folk-lore, that is. As a matter of fact, probably few goats have been actually seen partaking of any such asstetic fare.

But if a goat will eat almost anything—poison ivy, for instance—will it also go almost any place to eat it?

Have you, for example, ever seen goats perform such monkey-shines as climbing into the tree tops for their dinner?

Probably not. Probably the giddy goats, if any, on your visiting list, are not giddy enough to mistake themselves for monkeys.

But if you go to Morocco and wander about in the vicinity of Mogador and Agadir, you can see this very sight—goats grazing in the tops of argan-trees.

David Fairchild, a botanist of note, who has recently returned from wandering through the East Indies, Sumatra, Ceylon, Java, and Morocco, in search of rare flora, describes the sight in "Exploring for Plants" (Macmillan). We read:

There is an amazing variety in the forms of the trees; there were areas where they looked as dwarfed as the juniper of the rocky coast of Nova Scotia, due in part at least to the herds of goats and sheep that have browsed on them through the centuries.

In other places they seem to have escaped browsing only to be blown into strange one-sided shapes by the winds that sweep in from the Atlantic. We passed under one with so large a trunk that three of us could scarcely encircle it with our arms. Some had spreading crowns and others narrow ones. Some branched almost at the ground and others had a distinct trunk.

I even found one with weeping habit of growth. All had, of course, grown from seeds and it seemed to be a variable species, with ample provision for cross pollination.

Many of them that had succeeded in growing into trees were in the centres of wide bushes, where the animals could not get at them without being severely scratched by the sharp spines which everywhere cover the organ.

Everywhere they had been browsed upon, even the donkeys stop and pick the leaves from the under branches above their heads. Goats will, of course, eat almost any shrub, and I was not surprised that they found even the tender young spines good to eat.

Dr. Fairchild had heard that goats go up into the branches of this tree to browse, but he admits that the sight surprised him. He tells us:

I recalled a woodcut published by Sir Joseph Hooker in his "Journal of a Tour in Morocco," depicting three goats in the branches of an argan-tree.

It is one of the twelve woodcuts illustrating the book, but the picture in my copy was so badly printed that only the lowest goat was easily observable, and Sir Joseph treated the matter so casually that I was quite unprepared for the surprise which came with a sharp turn in the road when we saw across the valley two argan-trees full of goats.

One of these happened to be a plebeian goat, and stood out in strong contrast with the dark green vegetation of the tree.

Catching up my camera, I ran across to see these arboreal animals. I reached the tree and stood under it, snapping my camera as fast as I could, and standing almost directly under some of them so that I could get their silhouettes against the sky.

They were not aware of my presence for some minutes, and I had time to study the method by which they climbed into the topmost branches, cropping right and left at their leisure.

A close examination of the larger branches of the tree showed that the upper sides had been flattened into actual runways by the sharp hoofs of many generations of animals travelling up and down on them. They were even broad enough to allow a goat to spring from one branch to the other and stand there on its hind feet while it browsed.

When the animals saw me, they scampered down the tree trunks and away across the valley.

We met this same herd of goats at the same spot on our return from Agadir, and I persuaded the goat-herd to show us how he got them to feed on any particular tree.

First he struck with his staff on the tree, making quite a noise to attract their attention.

Then he threw rocks up into it which broke off small twigs as they fell through the dense branches, and when the goats saw these green bits on the ground they lost no time in jumping and scrambling up into the

POSITION IN MALTA.

A MEMORIAL TO THE PRIME MINISTER.

Mr. Isaac Foot, M.P., headed a Parliamentary deputation to the Prime Minister on July 30 and handed to him the following memorial on the position in Malta, which had been signed by a number of leading Free Churchmen earlier in the day:

1. We, whose names appear hereunder, desire to place on record our support of His Majesty's advisers in the stand they have taken in the dispute which has arisen between the British Government and the Vatican in relation to Malta.

2. While deploring the necessity for the temporary suspension of representative institutions in Malta, we support the Government in their decision, which was made inevitable by the action of the Roman Catholic authorities.

3. We support the action of the Government in repudiating acceptance of "a condition as to the personality of the Head of the Maltese Administration, which constitutes nothing less than a claim to interfere in the domestic politics of a British Colony."

4. We welcome the declaration of the Government that, during the interregnum, the existing Ministry will be retained in office, and we attach the utmost importance to the statement of Lord Passfield, H.M. Secretary of State for the Colonies, in the House of Lords on June 25, 1930, namely:

"We have retained the noble Lord, Lord Strickland, and his colleagues in office; we have saved their position. We have not allowed them to be eliminated. . . . We are not in any sense giving way to the demand of the Vatican that Lord Strickland and his colleagues should be removed, and we have no intention of doing so."

5. We ask that the claim recently made by the Archbishop of Malta, that clerics cannot be summoned before a lay tribunal (except with ecclesiastical assent), shall be formally and definitely repudiated.

6. We declare our opinion that the pastoral letter of the Bishops of Malta (issued on May 1, 1930, and since approved and endorsed by the Pope), threatening severe spiritual penalties against electors, exercising their elementary right of free choice of their Parliamentary representatives, is a violation of the privilege of British citizens, and is an abuse of ecclesiastical power.

7. We ask that there shall be such amendment of the Constitution of Malta as will give to the electors in that colony legal protection in the exercise of their franchise not less than that secured by law to the electors of Great Britain.

Among those who identified themselves with the memorial or with the deputation were the following:

Lord Clwyd, Sir Donald Maclean, M.P., Principal Garvie, Mr. Isaac Foot, M.P., Mr. Wickham Steed, the Rev. Silas K. Hocking, the Rev. Thomas Nightingale, Dr. F. W. Woodward, Sir Murray Hyslop, Mr. Milner Gray, M.P., Mr. James Scott, M.P., Mr. George Lambert, M.P., Mr. H. F. Owen, M.P., Mr. Duncan Millar, M.P., Mr. Blindell, M.P., Mr. F. Gould, M.P., Sir Tudor Walters, M.P., Mr. E. Granville, M.P., Mr. J. H. Hudson, M.P., Mr. Holford Knight, M.P., and Mr. Hopkin Morris, M.P.

The Japanese Press report that the Public Safety Bureau have detained the motor car belonging to Mr. S. Harada, an employee of the Yokohama Specie Bank, alleging that he failed to pay a Chinese tax of \$76, several years ago. The report continues that, owing to the absence of the official concerned, the Japanese representative could accomplish nothing.

It is a half-century since Sir Joseph Hooker described this scene, and in the preface to his "Journal," he remarks, "up to the time of this visit, the Great Atlas was little better known to geographers than it was in the time of Strabo and Pliny," and "from a comparison with the accounts of early travellers no notable change is apparent during the last two centuries," so I am conscious that I am giving an account of something pretty old.

In spite of this I do not always find it easy to get people to believe my story until I show them my photographs.

The goat has been a domesticated animal and associate of man since the Stone Age and as there are many indications that the Barbary goat is still a matter of mystery, may be a very ancient people, the idea is at least permissible that this practice of herding the goats in the argan trees may be one of the most ancient of customs.

The argan-tree bears a not unattractive fruit, and Dr. Fairchild, when he first came upon it, tasted it with high hopes. But the result, it would seem, from his account, almost convinced him of the truth of the old belief that the goat will eat anything.

UNIVERSITY OF THE AIR.

Great New Scheme at Brooklands.

Brooklands, the world's centre of motor-car racing, is now to become the training centre of professional aeroplane pilots.

Arrangements have been made for a fusion of motoring and aviation interests, and the famous Surrey resort of motor-racing will be converted into an international training centre for the aviators. "A" licence—the most advanced training in civil aviation, entitling the holder to fly "for hire or reward."

In other words, it will be the first British University of the Air, from which will graduate future air mail and passenger aeroplane pilots for employment in the Empire and foreign countries.

The flying clubs and schools throughout the country which are actively engaged in teaching flying concentrate on securing "A" licences for their pupils—the private flier's licence which can be secured after about ten hours of instruction.

The "B" licence, however, necessitates great experience and knowledge, and a minimum of 200 flying hours.

Safer Flying Needs. An R.A.F. training was usually considered adequate for commercial flying, but with the increase in civilian air traffic, special training in flying to schedule, use of wireless, and a keener regard for safety are being more and more insisted upon.

Most of the present air line pilots have grown up with aviation, the vast majority having war experience.

But the demand is already beginning to exceed the supply, and the problem is how to find pilots of suitable calibre to be entrusted with the lives of passengers and the responsibilities of regular mail carrying.

Some idea of the growth of commercial aviation can be gained by considering that in 1929, 47,000,000 miles were flown by regular air liners. This will be vastly increased in the present year.

The Brooklands scheme aims at putting the British commercial pilot's licence on a par with the British master mariner's ticket—the highest and most respected in the world.

Students will come from all parts of the world to secure their certificates at Brooklands. Indians, to operate internal Indian air routes, will be seeking instruction in increasing numbers as will Chinese and Japanese.

ILLNESS AT RACES.

LADY ALLERTON AND SEVEN OTHERS FALL VICTIMS.

Lady Allerton and a number of other people were suddenly taken ill at the recent Biberby races, Salisbury.

They were medically examined on the spot, and their condition was so serious that they had to be removed to Salisbury Infirmary. Four were taken in the city ambulance and the others in private motor-cars.

Salisbury doctors who were summoned found the patients to be suffering from a form of gastric trouble.

It is thought that the sufferers, who collapsed suddenly in the County enclosure, in great pain may have been attacked by ptomaine poisoning, and inquiries are being made to trace a possible source of infection.

In addition to Lady Allerton the patients include: Mr. and Mrs. Bainbridge, Mrs. Grainger sen., Mrs. Grainger jun., Mrs. Sealy Green (wife of the hon. veterinary surgeon of the course), and Mrs. Anning.

Mrs. Garton, of Wellow, near Romsey, Hampshire, was taken ill in a Salisbury garage to which she had gone for her car, and was taken home in the city ambulance.

Lady Allerton is the wife of the 3rd Baron, to whom she was married in 1928. She was formerly Miss Joyce Hatfield, daughter of the late Mr. J. R. Hatfield, of Thorp Arch Hall, Yorkshire.

RED CROSS "REDS."

POLISH ASSOCIATION DEMANDS THEIR EXPULSION.

The Polish Association for combating Communism has just sent a memorandum to the headquarters of the International Red Cross Association demanding the expulsion from the association of the Russian section, on the ground that the activities of this section are based on the principle of class hatred, which is essentially incompatible with the humanitarian ideals of the Red Cross.

TERRITORIAL ARMY.

DECREASE IN NUMBERS SINCE LAST YEAR.

The latest official returns show that in June 3,651 recruits were finally approved for service in the Territorial Army, a decrease of 937 compared with the number approved last May, and 348 less than in June, 1929.

The total number of enlistments during the nine months of the present recruiting year was 23,789, compared with 23,485 during the corresponding period last year. Last month, the Western Command led with 952 recruits, then came the Northern Command, 844; Scottish Command, 719; London District, 422; Southern Command, 359; and Eastern Command, 356.

The total Territorial strength, exclusive of permanent staff, is now 6,753 officers and 129,028 other ranks. This is an increase of 26 officers and 606 other ranks compared with the numbers last month, but is still three officers and 1,674 other ranks less than a year ago.

STAMP TALK.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY.

A few weeks ago reference was made in the Straits Times to the display of postage stamps, bearing pictures of beasts and birds, which has been attracting a good deal of attention recently at the British Museum (Natural History Section), South Kensington. Beneath each stamp is a label bearing both the popular and the scientific name of the specimen shown, and also directions for finding an example of the animal or bird, stuffed and mounted, in the general galleries of the Museum. Incidentally it was mentioned that on one of the North Borneo stamps is seen a picture of the cassowary, a bird which is not, in fact, found in the country. Commenting on this the British North Borneo Herald says: "Obviously the 24 cent stamp is the one referred to. Now Gazette Notification 120 of 1909 states that the design on the 24 cent. Ilac stamp represents a megapod, and the megapod is found in North Borneo. Evidently the Government knew what it meant to have represented, and the Natural History Section of the British Museum, of course, must know all about megapods. Could the misapprehension have arisen in the following way? A person's ordinary appearance is sometimes considerably disguised when he or she has to have a portrait taken—our illustrated weekly papers amply prove this; the occasion rouses the ambition and excites the vanity of the sitter. The megapod is a Malay bird, and Malays have a proverb to this effect: 'In a country where there are no eagles, the sparrow says, "I am an eagle." There are no cassowaries in Britain. Our megapod, therefore, finding itself in the limelight, indulged its vanity, got away with its bluff, and has realised its ambition."

It is not often that one has a chance of "scoring off" the experts at the South Kensington Museum, so (adds the Straits Times) here is a chance for some keen ornithologist, either in Malaya or North Borneo, to send a stuffed specimen of a megapod to the British Museum authorities with a little note of explanation.

He's Asking For Trouble. And probably he'll get it—if not applied externally, then most certainly internally.

Boys are so curious and adventurous. They will do a thing just for the sake of seeing how it feels—even if it hurts, and eat strange things in secret, just to see what they taste like. But it's all in life, and for every little worry they bring, there are a dozen compensating joys.

And for stomach aches and childhood pains there are always "Baby's Own Tablets," the perfect health regulators. Specially made for the faint and little children, "Baby's Own Tablets" quickly relieve stomach disorders, gently cleanse the bowels, and soothe the irritable, choky diarrhoea, expel worms, allay fever, colds and coughs.

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MAN SAVES A TOWN FROM DISASTER.

Dash to a Blazing Gasometer.

600-FT. COLUMN OF SMOKE.

Keighley, July 26.

A gasometer exploded and shook the town of Keighley early to-day, causing widespread consternation, but no one was injured.

Three-quarters of a million cubic feet of gas, sufficient to supply the town for some weeks escaped, and was carried away into the country by a strong wind, although fumes hung over the village of Thwaite, on the outskirts of Keighley, for some hours.

Flames and smoke leapt to a height of 600 feet, according to eye-witnesses.

The corporation gasworks are at Thwaite, and as the town is on holiday there were only a few workmen on the premises.

The village, which has several hundred inhabitants, would probably have been wrecked had it not been for the presence of mind and courage of William Brent, the yard foreman.

Regardless of his own safety he rushed down the yard through a sheet of flame, blinding smoke, and fumes and intense heat to the control house, and turned the wheel which shut off the gas that was being manufactured and pouring into the blazing gasometer.

He covered his face with his coat, but in spite of this his head was scorched and his right hand burned. Had the gas from the works continued to go into the wrecked gasometer the flames would in all probability have spread to another full gasometer a few feet away.

"The report of the explosion shook the building," Brent said. "The top of the gasometer seemed to shoot off, crumple up like cardboard and collapse. The gasometer then began to sink."

600-Feet Flames. "Flames shot into the air and smoke rose in clouds. I think the flames and smoke must have reached a height of at least 600 feet."

"There was imminent danger of the second gasometer becoming involved. I thought at any moment that there would be a further explosion. Had the top of the gasometer not broken and the explosion occurred inwardly instead of rising into the sky, the consequences would have been terrible."

The cause of the explosion is a mystery. After turning off the gas Brent rushed to the telephone, and the fire brigade was on the scene in a few minutes. They extinguished the fire after filling the burnt-out gasometer with water.

Mrs. Duckworth, who keeps a farm close to the works, said: "The sight of the burning gasometer was so terrible that I was unable to move. Villagers rose from their beds and fled from their homes, expecting another explosion at any moment."

HARMLESS TOBACCO.

POLISH CHEMISTS' CLAIM.

London, August 13.

Warsaw.—Two chemists, employed by the Polish Tobacco Monopoly, claim that they have evolved a method of treating the coarser grades of tobacco, giving them the taste and aroma of the best tobacco and eliminating all components dangerous to the lungs and mucous membranes.

Application of the treatment, they claim, will save the Monopoly several million francs, because it will diminish the import of foreign tobacco, but terms have not yet been made with the inventors, who expect that the discovery will revolutionise the world's tobacco industry.

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MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

"TALKIE TALKS."

"THE LAST OF MR. CHANEY."

MAN OF MYSTERY.

How prophetic reads that last interview — "The Last of Mr. Chaney" — The Man of Mystery, who always refused a Press Agent, never granted an interview, shunned public appearances at Premiers, publicity of all kinds. And now we read of his death, at the early age of forty-six.

What an irreparable loss. There was but one Chaney. "The Man of a Thousand Faces" stood alone. "This is my last interview," he stated to the reporters — "and I only grant it now, because I have been so often misquoted, and fictitious interviews printed."

Chaney, you remember, with Charles Chaplin, held out the longest against going "Talkie." Chaney signed a five-year contract with the M.G.M. Studio, for a cool million or thereabouts. Chaplin still firmly refuses to talk, but has admitted "Sound" to his new creation, "City Lights."

Five Voices.

I have been reading the critics' opinions of Chaney's revival, in sound, of one of his greatest successes in the "Silents," "The Unholy Three," and they are unanimous in their praise. This picture discloses Chaney's natural voice, deep, vibrant and perfectly poised. In this role he uses five voices. Those of the "Barker," the ventriloquist, the dummy, the feminine voice of the old woman, and the imitation of the parrot. He actually does all this, and allows no "Doubles" to be used. He intended to duplicate this part in the Spanish version. He has mastered that language in a very few months.

He said — "I will make Talkies, but I still do not believe in them — My first will make — or break me. If it fails to please I will be what I have never been before — a man whose sole interest is the money he is being paid. At the end of the contract I will step out of the picture — and that will be all."

Chaney hated to talk about himself. Success and money never changed him. When he was struggling and unknown, and having a pretty bad time of it, judged by worldly standards, he had the same habits, same tastes, same beliefs. He believed in the essential goodness of people, he always believed it. His was not the Church-going kind of religion — I remember hearing someone quoting him as saying — "I have my own Faith. I believe that we desert God, but God never deserts us."

He never visited the home of any "Movie Folk"; they never visited him. He lived quietly with his wife and married son, and, eighteen months ago, came the greatest joy in his life, his grandson.

His personal life, he argued, was of no interest to his innumerable "Fans." He never signed photographs, he rarely read letters, except those from convicts, in whose misadventures he took an enormous interest.

Off The Stage.

Off-stage he was a happy man, cheerful and optimistic. On the screen he portrayed individuals who might have been different had they had a chance. He wanted to point the moral to his audiences, that, sad as their lots might be, very often those he depicted on the screen were so much more to be pitied.

His great art of pantomime was first learned in a bitter school. His parents were both deaf and dumb. He used to play at imitating people, in order to bring a little sunshine to the drab lives of his parents. Go out and study humanity, copy a gesture, a way of walking, and he still retained that habit, as he never read books, he went to life direct.

When he finished this contract, his intention was to travel, no particular country, just "Wanderlust."

He had been asked by the Editors of "The Encyclopedia Britannica" to write an article on "make-up" of which he was past master. I do not know whether he had accomplished this before the end came.

His second Talkie was in course of preparation at the M.G.M. Studio. Perhaps again prophetic, "The Bugle Sounds." It has indeed for the last time for one of the greatest artists that the screen has produced. The curtain has fallen on Lon Chaney. There may never be his equal.

A Slogan.

"What if we die to-day, we'll live in the Movies to-morrow." This is the slogan of the air-camera man. Only a few test of film. That is all, we, the audience, glimpse of tragedies that cost lives. You will see in that scene, (supposedly over the English Channel, in reality over Santa Monica Bay) in the first Ellier, Chaney's recently seen at

the Queen's, "Such Men are Dangerous," the tragedy that took the life of one of the "coming" directors, Kenneth Hawkes, husband of Mary Astor, who is rated as one of the most beautiful women on the screen to-day. I had the pleasure of seeing her only that week in an excellent comedy — "Among the Married" with Florence Eldridge, and Edward Everett Horton. It was just a week after the marriage of his brother to Bessie Love.

They blame the setting sun for the accident, wrong light for the pilots. Four aeroplanes were being used. One with the man who was to "double" for Warner Baxter, two with cameras, and one with the Director and his assistants. They flew too close to catch the scene, and then the crash. Ten men "gone West" in the course of duty, duty that endeavours to bring a thrill, and to pamper to the emotional side of us all. A few feet of film, and at what a cost!

In this same play is Claud Allister who received such praise for his first effort in the "Talkies" as "Algy" in "Buildup-Drummond." A few of us remember him when he played the name part with Courtneidge's Company out here. The same Company that had as one of its members — George Zucco, who portrayed the role of the school master all through the original "Run" of "Journey's End" in London.

Jeanette Macdonald.

I cannot deny the rumour of the death of Jeanette Macdonald that was recently reported in a local Chinese newspaper, but in all my last letters from Hollywood, there is no mention of it. Quite the contrary — She is so happy to be back there, working under the expert direction of Ernest Lubitsch, the man who "made" her in "The Love Parade." Her new "leading man" is Jack Buchanan, idol of London and Broadway. He did not make a startling "hit" in his first Talkie with Irene Bordoni, but he is certainly a likeable artiste. I saw him at home with June, now Lady Inverclyde. The audiences adored them both. Her new film is called "Monte Carlo" and was about ready for release when I had the last news.

Reginald Denny.

Reginald Denny, — At last a play worthy of his ability, and under the direction of "The Master" — Cecil B. de Mille. Kay Johnson who came, spoke, and conquered from Broadway, in such a hokum film, but enjoyable — "Dynamite" is the other "Star." The music, and lyrics are the work of Elsie Janis, who has collaborated with Jack King and Clifford Grey. King wrote the theme song for "Dynamite." "How am I to know."

Clifford Grey has made enormous strides since the days when I worked with him in 1910. He made his first success with "If I were the only Girl in the World" for Vi Lorraine in "The Bing Boys are Here" during the War. A few years ago he went to New York for Flo Ziegfeld, and from that time he has never looked back. He is to day one of the highest paid lyric writers in America. Such successes as "The Love Parade," Ramon Novarro's first Talkie — "Devil-may-Care," Jack Oakie's "Hit the Deck," "Sally," etc., all B-O-Hits, to use the slang of the Studio.

Greta Garbo.

Greta Garbo has finished Doris Kean's "Romance." What a far cry from the street woman of Eugene O'Neill's sordid play — "Anna Christie" in which I saw her that first morning at a Los Angeles Theatre, when with hundreds of others I stood in a long line (to quote the advertisement) "The World awaits to hear The Garbo Talk." Supreme amongst them all. — Again triumph for her in this new play. Gavin Gordon, her new "lead," was playing with Mary Astor when I saw him, and this is his first test in the Talkies. He does not receive the praise that is bestowed on the dependable "Stand-by" Lewis Stone, but he is a "good-looker" and in no picture in which The Garbo appears is there anyone that really counts. She is all-sufficient. She works her best under the able direction of Clarence Brown, who is responsible for many of her greatest "hits."

DEANE.

PADEREWSKI.

HIS HAIR COMES BEFORE HIS ART.

Paris July 12.

His toupee sweep of silver hair means more to M. Paderewski, the great pianist and ex-Premier of Poland, than his art. This is the secret he revealed on his visit to France for medical treatment.

"I admit I am proud of my silver hair," he said, with a twinkling eye. "My fellow Poles, I shall only play in a full hall, but poor Poles play in shadows. One puts only a lamp on his piano."

ROUND THE CINEMAS

MARION DAVIES'S OPINION OF "CAUGHT SHORT."

BUBBLING WITH GAGS.

"The next best thing to having Maris Dressler and Polly Moran in your home is to see them in pictures."

The speaker was Marion Davies, Cosmopolitan star for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, and her statement was made following a studio advance view of the new Dressler-Moran talking comedy, "Caught Short" which is being screened at the Queen's Theatre.

"It would be marvellous if everybody in the United States could meet Marie and Polly personally, as is our pleasure here," said Miss Davies. "They are so sincere and so human, and so bubbling with 'gags' that they are the life of any party they attend."

"But, of course, they can't be all over the world at once, and to those who can't greet them personally, their fun will come over unimpaired in such a picture as 'Caught Short.' Personally I think it is the best thing they ever did. The idea of two board-house landladies playing Wall Street has been beautifully handled by Willard Mack, and splendidly directed by Chuck Riesner."

"THE DOCTOR'S SECRET."

Paramount's all-talking picture, "The Doctor's Secret," is now showing at the Central Theatre. William de Mille directed the picture which he himself adapted from the famous J. M. Barrie stage play, "Half an Hour."

The story is one of London high society, of a wealthy self-made man who regards his bought-and-paid-for aristocratic wife with no little contempt. The story has to do with her plans to find happiness with "the other man" and what takes place when carefully laid plans go wrong.

In the production of an all-talking picture it is of primary importance that the players themselves be adapted to their roles and speak their lines in a convincing, realistic manner. Paramount has given "The Doctor's Secret" a cast which can do all these things, and furnishes the very acme of screen entertainment.

Ruth Chatterton, who was a star in her own right on Broadway, has one of the leading roles. Opposite her is H. B. Warner, another "veteran" of the stage, who portrays his character perfectly. Robert Edson, an old time film favourite, handles his part admirably, and John Loder, the new British actor recently imported by Paramount, more than lives up to advance notices. The remainder of the cast are equally well chosen.

We heartily recommend "The Doctor's Secret" as thoroughly enjoyable audible screen entertainment, both from a dramatic and technically standpoint.

"RIO RITA."

The first great dramatic spectacle of the talking screen — Radio Pictures' production of Florenz Ziegfeld's fabulous operetta, "Rio Rita" — comes to the Central Theatre next week.

With John Boles and Bebe Daniels heading a gigantic cast of players, singers, dancers, beauties and specialty performers, "Rio Rita" takes its place among the great screen plays. In its wealth of diversified entertainment it has doubtless never been equalled. Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey play the comedy roles they created for Ziegfeld; Dorothy Lee, the baby-talk girl of "Syncopation"; Helen Kaiser, one of Ziegfeld's "glorified" girls; Georges Renavent, French stage star, and Don Alvarado are others of the featured cast.

Much of the film was photographed in technicolor, and the sets and costumes are said to have outdone anything seen on the talking screen.

Harry Tierney, composer of the original musical score of "Rio Rita," added two new song hits to the picture. Cimini's grand opera chorus of 80 voices; the "Pearl" Eaton chorus of 100 Hollywood beauties; the first stock chorus in motion pictures; and a symphonic orchestra directed by Victor Baravalle are other features of the film which was directed by Lothar Ried.

FILM INFLUENCE.

HEADMASTER DESCRIBES IT AS PERNICIOUS.

What he described as "the pernicious influence" of the cinema was criticised recently by Mr. P. Abbott, head-master of the Polytechnic Secondary School, Regent Street, at the annual speech and prize-giving.

Mr. Abbott in his report referred to the important part which the school clubs and societies played in the general education of the boys.

"If a boy's education is to be a true education," he said, "we must educate him not only for life but for his pleasure. We hope that the interest which a boy takes up at school will absorb a considerable part of his leisure, and will form an antidote to what we regard as one of the most pernicious influences of our time. I refer to the cinema."

"The cinema may be and is a very valuable instrument in education, but, unfortunately, while it might itself be an instrument for good, the films placed before the public have a very adverse influence."

Weekly Cinemagoers.

"Head-masters have recently been investigating this matter, and we find that somewhere about one-third of the boys in secondary schools attend the cinema at least once a week."

"When we consider the nature of the films shown and the recent developments in sound films, which present a voice and speech which is not all that it should be, we ought to take every step we can — both parents and teachers — to combat what will in time, I fear, produce a very bad impression upon the nation."

Sir William Ray, L.C.C., who presented the prizes, said that he was grateful that the County Council was not responsible for the whole of the secondary school system in London. They needed variety in education more than in anything else.

The majority of the books given as prizes were chosen by the boys themselves.

PRINCE'S JOKE.

TEACHING A LESSON TO PARIS PRODUCERS.

Prince Antoine Bibesco, himself a play-wright, has played a rich joke on a number of Parisian theatrical producers.

Wishing to demonstrate that some of them really knew very little about dramatic literature, and that many of the manuscripts submitted to them were not even properly read, he carefully copied Moliere's "Georges Dandin," altering nothing except the name of the author and the names of the characters.

He then submitted the manuscript to seven theatrical producers. Three of them returned it with the usual note of "regrets," and it was obvious that they had not recognised the piece, even if they had read it. The other four have not yet replied.

The Prince claims that he was not merely out for a little fun. He wanted to teach theatrical producers a lesson; to show them that if they did not seriously study dramatic literature and take the trouble to read the works submitted to them they would expose themselves to ridicule and even to contempt.

"If Moliere himself cannot please them," he says, "who can?"

Prince Antoine Bibesco married a daughter of the late Earl of Oxford and Asquith.

SUING FOR £3,250.

FILM ACTRESS'S CLAIM FOR A MONTH'S PAY.

Miss Dorothy Mackall, the British cinema star, has filed a suit against the First National Pictures Corporation for £3,250, alleged arrears of salary.

It was claimed that for the past month she had not received the salary due to her under a five-year contract made in July, 1925.

Miss Mackall was asked by a British producer this summer to go to Britain to spend a month making a film. She refused to go unless she was paid £200,000.

The daughter of a Hull publican, Dorothy was away from home 12 years ago at the age of 14. She went to London, joined the Hippodrome chorus, and promoted, went to Paris, then New York, and then Hollywood. There she gave up her film making career and married a film magnate, and has since been a star for five years.

SINGERS STRANDED.

CARL ROSA COMPANY'S BAD LUCK IN INDIA.

Bombay, August 6. That those who finance theatrical ventures in the East are entering upon a risky gamble is proved by the disaster which has overtaken the Carl Rosa Opera Company, some members of which are now stranded in Bombay.

The company opened in Bombay on February 1, and the houses were good. Later, the company had a successful season in Calcutta, but subsequently a series of setbacks were met with.

Miss Anna Lindsey and Miss Ethel Beard gave details of their experiences.

At the smaller stations the company received guarantees, but at the bigger towns the support received was very poor.

Then differences between the members of the company cropped up, and Mr. Hemingway, the principal basso, left, which, as his understudy had already left, owing to sickness, greatly limited the company's repertoire.

In Simla, in spite of the promised support, the company played to empty houses.

Further bad luck was met with in Secunderabad. A full house had been booked for their performance in this city, but it had to be cancelled owing to the death of Major Strover and Captain Pitts.

At Poona, the next stage of the tour, another full house had been booked, but the company did not possess the railway fare to get there from Secunderabad.

The company then decided to disband. Those with return passages have gone home and the remainder are now stranded in India.

It appears that the company was warned by the Stage Guild against making the trip to India.

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POLICE SERGEANT IN THE HARBOUR.

An accident which is not with-
out its humorous side occurred
to Police Sergeant Jessop and a
Police Seaman last night. Ser-
geant Jessop and the Chinese were
on duty inspecting "tying inshore
licences" on the water front be-
tween the Ping On and the Sham-
shui wharves at about 10.30.
They had boarded a junk and,
after seeing the licence, were re-
turning ashore along a plank when
a folt of the junk started to pull
the boat away a little too early.
This caused the plank to slip as
the officer and his seaman were
about two feet from the sea wall.
Both men fell into the water with
the plank. Whilst swimming in
the water, Sergeant Jessop lost
his electric torch and one of his
puttees which worked loose. The
seaman lost his cap, which filled
with water and sank!

TEXTILE MILLS.

OWNERS ACCEPT NEW TERMS.

Roubaix, Yesterday.
The owners of the Tourcoing
textile mills have accepted new
proposals made by the Minister of
Labour for a settlement of the
textile strike which has now last-
ed six weeks, and work will be re-
sumed on Monday.—Reuter.

PRISONER COLLAPSES.

When a case of larceny of cloth-
ing from 88, Woosung Street was
mentioned before Mr. T. S. Whyte-
Smith this morning, two prisoners,
out of three appeared in the dock,
and pleaded not guilty.
Inspector R. H. E. Marks said
that he would have to ask for a
remand of 24 hours. The first
prisoner collapsed in the Yau-mat
Police Station charge room. He
was taken to hospital, where he is
reported to be dying.
His Worship accordingly re-
manded the case.

Mr. Tang Shao-yi, former Pre-
mier of the Peking Government,
who has been elected by the new
Peking Government as one of the
six members of the State Council,
has arrived in Hong Kong from
Tong Ka Wan, and is residing at
the Hong Kong Hotel. Commander
Au Yeung-kui, Commissioner of the
Canton Police Force, was among
other Canton Government officials
who arrived here yesterday to meet
Mr. Tang Shao-yi.

NORTHERN WAR.

ADVANCE ON PING-HAN FRONT. FALL OF TENG-FENG.

Hankow, Wednesday.
Since the order for a general
offensive on the Ping-Han line
was issued on the 5th inst., the
Nationalist centre column have
passed Hsuehchang Railway station
and are attacking Hsincheng; the
right wing have occupied Si-hwa
and Fukou and are heading for
Chungmou, midway between Kai-
feng and Chengchow; and the left
wing have captured Lushan and
Tengfeng, the vanguard having
arrived in the vicinity of Shui-
chuankuan, 20 miles south-east of
Loyang.

A Shanghai message claims
that, following the capture of
Lushan, the Nationalists under
Yang Fu-cheng launched on the
morning of the 8th inst. a fierce
attack against the Kuominchun in
Tengfeng, which fell into the
hands of the Nationalists the
same afternoon, after a half-day's
struggle. Tengfeng is a strategic
point, the occupation of which is
vital to either of the contending
parties in case of military move-
ments; it is situated about 40
miles south-east of Loyang, the
rear of the Kuominchun on the
Lung-Hai line. With the fall of
Tengfeng, Loyang is now in a
critical position, and the Kuominchun
have to withdraw large re-
inforcements to rescue their
rear, thus weakening the defence
on the Lung-Hai front.

A General Retreat.

Hsuehchow, Wednesday.
According to military circles,
the Kuominchun, being unable to
resist the heavy pressure of the
Nationalists, have commenced a
general retreat. A portion of
Shanai insurgents, previously
assigned to the Lung-Hai line,
and the rebel remnants under
Shih Yu-san are withdrawing to
Hsueh (Chihli), while the main
body of the Kuominchun are as-
sembled at Heishihkuan, 30
miles, north-east of Loyang, pre-
paratory for a further retreat to
Tungkuang Pass.

Capture of Taikong.

Nanking, Wednesday.
Mr. Koo Ying-fen, Chief Secre-
tary of the State Council, is in re-
ceipt of a wire from Mr. Koo Ling-
poh, secretary at the front, stat-
ing that the Nationalists took
complete control of Taikong on
Tuesday, and that the defeated
rebels withdrew in the direction
of Kaifeng.

Taikong is an important city in
the east of Honan. Some time
ago, the Kuominchun held a line
stretching from Kaifeng to Po-
chow, north-west of Anhwei, via
Chenliu, Kihshien, Taikong and
kow.—Canton News Agency.

WAR HEROES.

GUESTS AT BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

Rugby, Yesterday.
About 150 wounded ex-Service
men who are still under treatment
in various London hospitals under
the aegis of the Ministry of Pen-
sions were entertained by invita-
tion of the King and Queen at
Buckingham Palace this after-
noon.

It was the third party of the
kind held recently.—British Wire-
less Service.

CHINESE DELEGATES AT GENEVA.

Nanking, Wednesday.
The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
is the recipient of a wire from
Mr. Chiang Tso-pen, Minister to
Germany, and Mr. Ku Lu, Minis-
ter to France, that they arrived
at Geneva on the 7th and 8th
inst., respectively, ready to partici-
pate in the eleventh meeting of
the League of Nations, which will
be held there shortly.—Canton
News Agency.

Chihcheng, thus cutting the com-
munications of the Nationalists
between the Ping-Han and Lung-
Hai lines. The Nationalist Gen-
eral Siang Kuan Yun Hsiang,
commanding the right flank of
the Ping-Han line, was the first
to break through the above line
held by the Kuominchun and suc-
ceeded in joining forces with
other Nationalists on the Lung-
Hai.

Following this victory, the Na-
tionalists have gradually taken
city after city from the hands of
the Kuominchun on the Kaifeng-
Pochow line. Taikong, the last
stronghold on this line, has also
been occupied by the Nationalists,
who are no longer impeded from
despatching reinforcements to
and from the Ping-Han and Lung-
Hai lines.

Military Official Changes.

Shanghai, Wednesday.
An unconfirmed report says
that General Ho Ying-ching, the
War Minister, will be appointed
concurrently C-in-C. of the 3rd
Nationalist Army Corps, for
more pressing service against the
Kuominchun, replacing General
Ho Cheng-chun, transferred back
to Hankow to take up the chair-
manship of Hupeh, while General
Ho Yao-tao will take charge of
all affairs in the Generalissimo's
Provisional Headquarters in Han-
chow.—Canton News Agency.

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